



## Ernestine Hawkins

March 17, 1939 - September 17, 2008

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Missionary Baptist Church 721 Johnson Street with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister departed this life on September 17, 2008 at Covenant Cooper surrounded by her family. The daughter of the late Samuel and Lela Hayes was born on March 17, 1939 in Hattiesburg, MS. Ernestine confessed Christ at an early age and was united with Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Clyde, MS. She moved to Saginaw, MI in 1955 and united with Zion Baptist Church on October 4, 1955. Prior to her health problems she was active in Sunday School, past President of the Male and Gospel Chorus, past chairperson of the Evangelist Group and also a member of the Mass Choir. Ernestine married Sterling Hawkins I, and to this union seven children were born. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1982. Surviving are her children, Patricia Tarpley, Archie Evans, Deborah (James ) Sutton, Barbara Hawkins, Mary (Charles) Helton, Japthea (Gregory) Akins, Renee (Anthony) Henderson, and Tavarionna Hawkins: daughter by love, Priscilla Hannah; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren: three sisters, Lillian (Kenneth) Harrison, Killen, AL, Maxine (Antoine) Hagen, Chicago, IL and Minnie (Patrick) Gray, Gulfport, MS; one brother-in-law, Charles (Olevia) Smith,; two sisters-in-law, Jon Evelyn Wettlin and Louise Archer; one god-daughter, Tremonisha Akins ;one god-

son, Dallas Jones; a special uncle, David Tate; sisters by love, Jessie (Louis) Langston, Shelva Veal, and Naomi (William) Drake. Ernestine was also preceded in death by her son, Sterling Hawkins, II; seven brothers, Eddie, Robert, William, Samuel, Mack, Johnny and her twin brother, Ernest. The family would like extend special thanks to Covenant Medical Center-Cooper 4th Floor ICU, Visiting Nurses and Physical Therapists.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ To the family, Shirley and I remember Mrs. Ernestine and you all when our Aunt Bobbie lived nextdoor to Mrs. Ernestine and Mr. Sterling when we all were children on South Seventh St. Mrs. Ernestine was a kind and Godly Lady. Shirley and I have been where you all are now. The pain will get easier with time. You will always miss your Mother. There is no one like Momma. Keep your hands in the hands of the man that stilled the waters. Psalm 121 reads, "I Will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord." Praying for and with you all.

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**Mary Ann Porter-Jones** - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I'm sorry that I couldn't make it to be with you all. I know you're hurting and I know how much she meant to you all and all of us. I pray that your pain will subside soon and that you all can heal.

*For me, I'll always remember her big smile, her saving me from "whoopins" and her Sweet Potato pie.*

*Bobbie call me when you are able to talk. 623.451.3835 Cell and 602.687.8983 Home I miss you all.*

*Love,*

*Roddie*

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**Rod Wettlin** - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Barbara and Devica sorry for your loss may God keep yall wrap in his arms. GOD BLESS YOU! Dwana & Johnnie Mae

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**Dwana Banks** - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *I love you so much Ernestine and want you to be pain free and rest in peace. We were very close in our young days and miles separated us. I will never forget you. God loves you more. He loves your children and will take care of them for you so that you can rest now. You have been through so much, rest my lovely friend and sister-in-law.*

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**Dorothy J.Polk** - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *TO MY SISTER IN CHRIST, DEB AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY I'VE PRAYED FOR YOU GUYS SO MUCH, BUT I KNOW YOUR FAITH WILL KEEP YOU. IF ANYTHING I CAN DO WITHIN MY POWER LET ME KNOW. DEB PLEASE REMEMBER MATTHEW 5:4. GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I.*

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**VIVIAN LEE** - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM