



James Palmer

October 7, 1932 - November 25, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 1, 2008 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th Street. Pastor Marvin T. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present at 5:00 p.m. for a family hour. Passed away Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at due to a sudden illness. He was born to Rachel Swafford October 7, 1932 in Winfield, Louisiana. He married Maxine Coleman in June of 1953 in Shreveport, Louisiana. To this union eight children were born. Mr. Palmer, known to some as Elder Palmer or "Rev.", was founder and pastor of the Love of Life Tabernacle Church for many years. He was employed with General Motors Corporation at the Grey Iron Foundry until his retirement in the 1980's. He is survived by his wife Maxine; sons, Melvin (Jillian), Chester (Janice), Darrell (Joann), Jonathan (Ampornpan, "Pan") Palmer; daughters, Ardell Whitten, Deborah (James) Holmes, Ramona (Saroop) Atri, Priscilla Palmer, Kathy (Dan) Burns; thirty-five grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren; uncles, Marshall Swafford of Los Angeles, California and Artis Swafford of Shreveport, Louisiana; sister-in-law, Irma Jean Williams of Dallas, Texas; and brother-in-law, Ollie (Patricia) Coleman of Shreveport, Louisiana, along with many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; Grandfather, Prince Edward Swafford Sr.; Grandmother, Carrie Swafford; uncles, Willie Swafford and Prince Edward Swafford, Jr.; aunts, Eula Mae and Carrie Lee Swafford, Ida

Mae Brandtly, Cora Lee Brinson, Emma Ward and Odessa Smith;
grandchildren, James M. Holmes, Jr. and Dan E. Burns III.

Tribute Wall

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“ *We regret that we can not be with you during your bereavement.*

Our love and prayers are with you. Let God's love and mercy comfort and keep you always. May the loving memories of James be with you.

*You are in our prayers!
Thelma (Sis) and family*

Thelma D. Walker - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kathy, what a privilege and an honor you experienced giving back to your dad for the past seven years. It was so awesome the way you opened your doors and your heart to your dad. I've watched you turn your home into a place your parents could call their home. You've given up a lot, You sacrificed much, and I'm sure cried many tears.*

Well Kid, you've run an awesome race. You finished course, and you win first place... Well done you good and faithful daughter...

Love ya, your sister-friend Nita...

Nita - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM