



Jim Atkins

October 18, 1919 - March 10, 2006

Family hour and Masonic ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Thomas J. London will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, uncle and brother-in-law, went home to be with the Lord on March 10, 2006 following a lengthy illness. Jim was born October 8, 1919 in Carrollton, AL. He was the fifth child born to Will and Margaret (Stanton) Atkins. He married McClure Quarles on December 25, 1938 in Panola, AL. She preceded him in death on December 19, 2002. Jim moved to Saginaw in 1944 and began employment with the Saginaw Malleable Iron Foundry. He worked there until his retirement and was a member of UAW Local 455. Jim was a faithful member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and the Perfect Ashler Lodge #26, Hiram Chapter #2, R.A.M. Enoch Commandany #9, Knight Templar, Cario Temple #4 A.A.O.N.M.S. He leaves to cherish his memory, two daughters, Elizia Lucille Forte, Saginaw, MI and JoAnn Pool, Sacramento, CA; eight grandchildren, Marilyn (Marion) Moore, Tillar, AR, LaLesha Boose, Derrick Faniel, Lenora and Alvin (Phyllis) Forte, Saginaw, MI, Melvin Howard, Grand Rapids, MI, Michael Bailey, Bakersfield, CA and Mitchell Bailey, Sacramento, CA; 22 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Eleanor Taylor, Lillie Thomas, Geneva (Jack) Long, Fannie Atkins, Lillie

Adkins, Saginaw, MI, Bertha (Aaron) Pruitt, Walpole, MA, Almonia Burrell and Hazel (George) Turner of Gainesville, AL; brothers-in-law, Rev. Oliver (Laura) Quarles and John E. Quarles, Saginaw, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including special friends, his Masonic brothers, the Eastern Stars, Cliff Maxwell and Melven Trammell. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, six brothers and a great-great-granddaughter.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *As heaven stands before him, and he's home at last, he will not remember the worries of the past. The memories of it all will be softened by God's Love.*

Just know that we are there in spirit.

bertha L. pruit - March 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You were a wonderful uncle and I only wish that my children could have known you as did. Rest in peace.*

Tonya, Tiandra, and Jada

Tonya Toussaint - March 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *May you find comfort in knowing that caring thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you.*

Jim Burrell - March 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Big Jim.*

I will always feel you near, and treasure your memory.

I pray that God will give me strength for today.

Courage for tomorrow and comfort me always.

I love you and miss you

Geneva

GENEVA SMITH' LONG - March 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I wish to express my sincerest sympathy for the death of our dear uncle. I'm sorry that I couldn't be with you at the service, but my prayers are with you.*

Deirdra Burrell - March 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM