



Vertis Griffin

December 17, 1926 - December 4, 2006

Homegoing celebration will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 11, 2006 at the Renaissance Baptist Church, 1535 Warren Ave. Rev. Nathaniel Calhoun will officiate with interment in the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Vertis Milton Griffin passed away on Monday, December 4, 2006 at the age of 79 years. He was born December 17, 1925 in Bolton, MS to Percy and Mitzee Byrd Smith. He was a graduate of Lanier High School in Jackson, MS. Mr. Griffin was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from March 27, 1945 to October 28, 1946. Mr. Griffin married Mattie Lee Miller on October 2, 1978. She preceded him in death. He retired from the Rifkin Steel and Aluminum Company. He was a member of Renaissance Baptist Church and the St. Matthew Lodge #9. He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Michael Griffin of Tennessee and Gary Griffin of Saginaw, MI; a brother, Carl A. (Gloria F.) Smith of Saginaw, MI; a sister, Lillie Jean Standford of Jackson, MS; six grandchildren, Monique Griffin of Southfield, MI, Sharmal (Brian) Bennett of Ypsilanti, MI, Darrell (Renae) Beeman, Michael Gillian, Monique Gillian, Jaquay Parker, all of Saginaw, MI; six great-grandchildren; special cousins, Inez "Spoony" of Atlanta, GA and Beatrice Harper, Tugaloo, MS and special friend, Dora Lee Wilson of Saginaw, MI. He will be sadly missed by his nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family and friends. Mr. Griffin was preceded in death by his daughter, Vera Rudeen Griffin; his mother, Mitzee Byrd Smith; two brothers, Walter and Kenneth Jr.; one sister,

Emma Smith; stepfather, Walter Smith, Sr.; and life-long friend, Emzie Hullett.

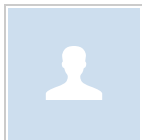
Tribute Wall



“ *The Sanders family send their deepest symphony in your lost. Our prayers goes out to you and your family. If their is anything that we can do please feel free to reach us at ladycl84@yahoo.com*

Our prayers are with you

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“ *Monique, Sharmel and Darrell, you have my deepest sympathy. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Vertis is resting now, he will be missed but if we know the Lord and have accepted him as our personal saviour we too shall meet him, and all of our loved ones that have gone on some day. If there is anything that I can do for either of you please call or e-mail at any time. Love to you all. Hope to see you soon.*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM