



William Payton

November 12, 1929 - November 21, 2005

Family hour will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2005 at the St. Luke Temple C.O.G.I.C., 643 Irving Park Place, with the funeral commencing at 12:00 noon. Pastor Absalom Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service. Deacon William Payton passed away on Monday, November 21, 2005. He was born November 18, 1929 in Gaston, Alabama, the son of Oscar Henry and Annie Laura Payton. William accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age in Eufaula, Alabama. He grew up into a young man in Eufaula, Alabama. After relocating to Saginaw, Michigan in 1953, he became employed by the General Motors Corporation Saginaw Grey Iron Foundry and was a member of UAW Local 668. He retired after 30 years of service. He was united in marriage to Nellie Sykes. She preceded him in death in 2001. He enjoyed life and lived it to its fullest. He served as a Deacon and played the guitar at his church, St. Luke Temple C.O.G.I.C. William loved to fish and hunt. He was full of joy, laughter and love. He leaves to cherish his memories, his sister, Jannie (Willie) Jackson of New York; three brothers, Elder Lester (Lois) Payton and Pastor Chester (Eloise) Payton of Flint, Mich. and Mosses Freeman of Alabama; and a host of other relatives and friends, including the St. Luke Temple C.O.G.I.C. church family. Deacon Payton was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Evangelist Annie Ruth Jackson; four brothers, Eddie Lee, Arron and Joseph Freeman and George Slater and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *May God spirit rest and abide with you in your hour of need.*

Archie & Gloria Smith Jr. - November 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM