

*The Homegoing Celebration
of
Mr. William Thomas Dodson*



Saturday, March 10, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Mt. Olive C. M. E. Church
7240 Old Brownsville Rd.
Somerville, TN 38068

*Rev. Samuel L. Jones, Officiating
Rev. E. L. Perry, Pastor
Elder Walter Hurt, Jr., Presiding Elder*

To My Husband, William

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.

So he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come to me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you,
and saw you pass away.

Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best.

From Your Wife, Barbara
Love You



Acknowledgements.

The family of the late Mr. William T. Dodson would like to thank each and everyone of you. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family

Pallbearers

Larry Dodson	Sherman Dodson
Lorenzo Dodson	John Greer
James Nolen	Eric Shaw

Flowerbearers

Nieces



Interment

Mt. Olive C. M. E. Church Cemetery
Old Brownsville Road
Somerville, Tennessee

*Saying goodbye is not easy to say,
I talked to you just the other day.*

*Life will be hard without you,
But somehow I'll make it through.*

*I know you're in a better place,
But it will be hard seeing your face.*

*I'm not worried about you,
God has a special place for you,
and me too.*

*Good-by is not easy to say,
But death is a role everyone has to play.*

*I will remember you always,
Your daughter, Shavondra*

Daddy

*You needed the quiet so He drew you aside
Into the shadows where you could confide
Away from the bustle where all day long,
You hurried and worried when active and strong.
You needed the rest 'tho at first you rebelled
But gently, so gently, your cross He upheld.
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things,
'Tho weakened in body, your spirit took wings
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.
He loves you so greatly He drew you away.
You needed the rest, no prison your bed,
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead.
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.
You needed the rest so He drew you aside.
Love, Lorressia*

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Obituary

William Thomas Dodson was born August 26, 1948 in Fayette County, Tennessee to the late Joe Lewis and Ida Mae Dodson. He departed this life March 4, 2001 at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

William confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and united with Mt. Olive C. M. E. church.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Mrs. Barbara Jean Robinson Dodson. The memory of William Thomas Dodson will be forever cherished by his loving wife, Barbara Dodson; four daughters, Lorressia Dodson, Shavondra Greer of Nashville, TN., Laura (James) Nolen, Andrea (Rodney) Warren of Memphis, TN.; six sons, Larry Dodson, Sherman Dodson, Lorenzo Dodson, John Greer, Joshua Dodson, Eric (Gordon) Shaw all of Nashville, TN.; three sisters, Mary Parsons and Evelyn Jones both of Memphis, TN., Helen (Horace) Campbell of Somerville, TN.; four brothers, Velvet (Dorothy) Dodson, Melvin (Geraldine) Dodson and Carnell Dodson all of Memphis, TN., & Dewayne Dodson who preceded him in death; a mother and father in-law, Harrison and Georgia Ellison of Somerville, TN.; eight brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, eleven grandchildren, five aunts, four uncles, one great aunt and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....

Song.....Choir

Prayer.....

Scripture.....

Song.....Saline Malone
Bonnie Holmes

Remarks.....Sis. Patricia Whitmore
Larry Dodson
Charles Robinson

Words of Comfort.....Rev. E. L. Perry

Song.....Choir

Reflections.....Rev. Nathaniel Traywick

Acknowledgements.....

Obituary.....Soft Music.....Silently Read

Song.....Saline Malone
Bonnie Malone

Eulogy.....Rev. Samuel Jones
Temple of Praise

Song.....Choir

Recessional

Remains will not be viewed

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:6-7

Obituary & Order of Service