



Bessie Walker Fields

A Memorial Service for Bessie Merle Walker Fields will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18 at First Baptist Church of Ferriday. Her four children will lead the service. Interment will take place at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 19 at Mars Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Mrs. Fields passed away on November 28, 2010 in Eagle Rock, CA where she had lived near her daughter, Lynda, since 1993. She was born September 10, 1919 in Lincoln County, MS the daughter of George Kenna Walker and Bessie Mae Godbold Walker. She was a graduate of Mars Hill High School, Southwest Mississippi Junior College and Louisiana College. A resident of Ferriday from 1960 to 1993, Mrs. Fields was the wife of Rev. M. H. Fields, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Ferriday. She taught elementary school students during her early years and later became district sales representative for World Book Encyclopedia Company. She lived an adventurous and fulfilled life as a pastor's wife and teacher and was active in numerous church and community programs and ministries. According to Mrs. Fields, her greatest accomplishments in life were her ministry as a pastor's wife and the success of her children in their life's work and Christian witness. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 50 years, two sisters, Mary Rita Mounger and Mary B. Parks, and a brother, Nicholas Lafayette Walker. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Larry and Sandy Fields of Knoxville, TN, George Fields of Louisville, KY, Jerry and Lynda Fields Houser of Salem, OR, Bruce and Nancy Fields of Gainesville, GA, and daughter-in-law, Marolyn

Wright Fields of Louisville, KY; brother: Thomas Ray Walker of Picayune, MS; nine grandchildren and their spouses: Mitchell and Jennifer Fields of Louisville, KY, Michael Fields of Knoxville, TN, Heather and Eric Stern of Maplewood, NJ, John and Allison Fields of Knoxville, TN, Daniel Fields of Oakwood, GA, Graham and Michelle Houser of Portland, OR, Lydia Field of Atlanta, GA, Rebecca Houser of Portland, OR, and Andrew Fields of Gainesville, GA; seven great grandchildren: Maddie Stern, Benjamin Fields, Jake Fields, Zachary Stern, Evelyn Fields, Sarah Hazel Fields, and Emma Grace Fields.