



Bessie Merle Walker Fields

September 10, 1919 - December 18, 2010

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.

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“ Our prayers go out to all of you in the loss of your mom. I have such warm memories of growing up in Ferriday, with so many of them having to do with First Baptist Church. I made my profession of faith there and Bro. Fields baptized me at the age of 8 1/2. Bruce, I don't know if you remember, but we had the same teacher all through elementary school. You were our class clown and kept us all entertained. One time you got sick and your mom had me get your assignments for you. She wanted me to help explain them to you and help you get started on them. One of your buddies was over and you were more interested in playing with him than doing your school work. When your mom came in to check on us and I told her that, she sent him home! I don't think that won me any brownie points with you!

Once she talked my mom into selling World Books with her. I think the only set Mother sold was to us! She still has that set on her shelves at her home. Mother also remembers her grading papers at prayer meeting sometimes. She was definitely a multitasker!

Being an only child, I was always a little jealous of your handsome and talented big brothers and your fun big sister! May all the Fields family be comforted by the wonderful legacy passed to them from Mrs. Merle and Bro. Fields.

Blessings to you all,
Dianne Wills Massey and Vidalia Wills

Dianne Wills Massey and Vidalia Wills - December 18, 2010 at 12:22 PM

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“ Our love and heartfelt prayer is with you. Aunt Merle's Celebration will be a beautiful Memorial for an extraordinary lady, Mom, Pastor's Wife and Servant of our Lord.

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