

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Annie Farrar Steed*

*July 30, 1912 - June 3, 2008*

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church  
Anguilla, Mississippi

Reverend Henry Hagler, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Thomas Dale Wicks, Pastor

# Obituary

**A**nnie Farrar Steed, affectionately referred to as “*mother dear*” by family and friends, was born July 30, 1912 to Jordan and Margaret Farrar. Her life was shared with four sisters and four brothers, who all preceded her in death.

“*Mother Dear*” met and married Frank Steed around 1929. To this union, 10 children were born. Her eldest son, Frank Steed, Jr. and daughters Lucille Lee and Margaret Russell all preceded her in death.

She confessed a belief in Christ at an early age. She was a dutiful and faithful member and usher of the Southdale Missionary Baptist Church of Anguilla, Mississippi. She later moved her membership to the Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the motherboard until her health failed.

Annie was extremely energetic and industrious. She was no stranger to work and took pride in whatever she did. She often said, “*Do it well or not at all.*” In spite of her busy schedule, she still found the time and energy to manage her family and household. She was also employed with the Sharkey-Issaquena Line School District for many years.

Although she had no formal education, she was an administrator, teacher and disciplinarian in her home. She was not a politician, but knew how to implement diplomatic procedures. Her words were, “*Be a peacemaker, not a peacebreaker,*” and “*If you can't say something good about someone, don't say anything at all.*” Friendship was important to her.

Annie gave the word “grandparent” a new meaning. She treated and cared for grandchildren as if they were her own. Two of her grandsons, Kenny and Terry Steed, were raised as her sons. She also raised Ann Lee, her granddaughter, as her own.

She will be sorely missed by her children: Earnest (Alice) Steed of Rolling Fork, MS; Earnestine Steed of Chicago, IL, Lorraine Steed of Gardenia, CA, Annie Sisney, Geraldine Steed, Nadean (King) Evans and Shirley (Paul) Alford all of Anguilla, MS.

Her blessings continued through seventeen grandsons, fifteen granddaughters, sixty-two great-grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and many other family members and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Reverend Peter Jackson

New Testament ..... Reverend Oscar Peace

Prayer.....Reverend Henry Wilson

Resolution..... Obra V. Hackett Chairman

Selection .....Mr. Joe Hall

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Thomas Dale Wicks

Tributes..... The Family

Kate Sisney, *Granddaughter*

Lorraine Steed, *Daughter*

Bradford Steed, *Great-grandson*

Friendly Reflections ..... *Anyone* ..... Two Minutes Please

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. A. Carolyn Hackett

Selection .....Mayor Eldridge Walker

Eulogy ..... Reverend Thomas Dale Wicks

Benediction..... Reverend Thomas Dale Wicks

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## Mother Dear,

Your home was a place where people gathered through the years to be warmed by your kindness and comforted by your love. Everyone who came through your door felt welcome there, and you saw to it that nobody ever left hungry – in body or spirit...

*“Thank You”*

for opening your heart in such a generous way... and for being *“home”* for anyone lucky enough to know you.

We Love You,  
Your Family

# Acknowledgments

*The family of Annie Farrar Steed wishes to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for all acts of kindness. May God continue to bless each of you.*

## Honorary Pallbearers

*Kenny Steed  
Terry Steed  
Charles Steed  
Marvin Steed  
Michael Steed*

*Walter Russell  
Keith Russell  
Stacy Joyce  
Kevin Russell  
Carl Russell*

## Pallbearers

*Tracy D. Evans  
Corey Steed  
Charles Steed, II*

*Bradford Steed  
Terrance Alford  
Quincy Steed*

## Flower Bearers

*Ushers  
Christian Light Church  
Granddaughters and Great-Granddaughters*

## Interment

*Vicks Cemetery*

## Arrangements and Services Entrusted to:

### **Mitchell L. Walker Funeral Home**

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Rolling Fork, MS 39159  
Eldridge J. "Butch" Walker LFD

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