

In Loving Memory
of



David Byrd, Sr.

Sunrise
September 30, 1919

Sunset
March 28, 2008

Friday, April 4, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church
1150 W. Woodrow Wilson Drive • Jackson, Mississippi 39213
Pastor Marshall Johnson, Officiating

Celebrating the Life of David Byrd, Sr.

Mr. David Byrd (*"Dai, Dai/Bull"*) will forever live in the memories of everyone who loved him. David was born September 30, 1919 in Barland, MS to Ben and Estella Byrd of Claiborn County. David Byrd was the oldest son of three children; his sisters, Emma Jones who resides in Jackson, MS and the late Susie Lee of Kankakee, IL whom preceded him death.

David Byrd served in World War II in the 7th Airforce, stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon returning to his home town in 1945, David met his sweetheart and they married March 2, 1946. Nine children were born to this union.

He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and the Seventh-Day Adventist message in 1956 under Pastor Jerome James at a tent meeting effort.

David worked as a career employee at the Veteran's Administration Hospital for many years. He later retired and began to spend his time in nature by doing jobs outside. He worked for the Bel-Air Subdivision for White Realty as a yard care specialist. He also enjoyed cutting grass in the neighborhood and helped with efforts in beautifying his home church, Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church. David worked hard to care for his family and never complained. He was on a mission to love God and care for his family.

David had a great sense of humor by the things he said to those closest to him as *"Turn your hat around"*, *"Get out my face"*, and *"Bye"*. He said these things in a joking manner. He always wore a hat that read *"God has been so good to me"*, given to

him by one of his children. He loved the song, “*Thank you Lord*”, which he led out during morning and evening family devotion.

He enjoyed numerous activities and interests such as: driving to the Ross Barnett Reservoir, fishing, visiting family, watching TV (CNN), and just being able to get out of the house after retiring in his later years when his legs started to give him concerns.

David Byrd departed this life at the age of 88 on Friday, March 28, 2008 after having a “miracle” opportunity to see and communicate with all of his children just days prior to his departing.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife and sweetheart of 62 years, Evelyn Byrd of Jackson, MS; sister, Emma Jones; four daughters: Eddie Adams, Estella (Andre) Purnell, Gloria (MacLawrence) Ford of Indianapolis, IN and Libby (Joseph) Nelson of Germantown, MD; four sons: David Byrd, Jr. of Jackson, MS, Bennie (Cynthia) Byrd of Russelville, AR, Michael (Lisa) Byrd of Clinton, MS and Alvin (Shelia) Byrd of Jackson, MS; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. One son, Roderick Byrd, preceded him in death.

We look forward to seeing “*Dai, Dai*” and other relatives, family, and friends soon in heaven and singing together “*Thank you Lord....For being so good...Love you Lord.... I just want to thank you Lord*”.

Order of Service

Program Guide

Glenda Barner

Processional.....	Soft Music
The Holy Scriptures.....	Pastor Marshall Johnson
Prayer of Comfort	Elder McArthur Crawford
Solo.....	Mr. Eric Watson <i>New Heights SDA Church</i>
Words of Comfort.....	Elder Phillip Collins
Back in the Days	Elder Arthur Harper
Solo.....	Ms. Tiffany Boone <i>Emanuel Baptist Church</i>
Expressions.....	(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Obituary	(<i>Read Silently</i>)Soft Music
Solo.....	Eric Watson
Condolences/Acknowledgments	Sis. Vera Grace
Eulogy.....	Pastor Marshall Johnson
Recessional.....	Soft Music

A Tribute to Our Dad

David Byrd, Sr.

David Byrd, Sr., better known to his nine children as “*Dai Dai.*” We can truly call you our HERO, described with the triple “P”. You were the PRIEST of our home. For it was you, dad, that introduced the truth to us through a tent effort in Port Gibson, MS. As a result of your valiant effort, all of your children learned of God and His saving grace. You have been a great PROVIDER for your family, and you have been our PROTECTOR. You have demonstrated this in the many facets of injustices that we faced as we were growing up.

You will be greatly missed in our lives and in our hearts. You were always there for us, so we give our heartfelt thanks to you. We appreciate all that you have done for us; your dedicated strength, your strong work ethics, your determined mind, and your ability to provide for all of our needs. You are truly our hero, our mentor, and our example. You’ve always taught us to hang in there when the times were rough, because after every storm, the sun will shine brightly. After every day of hard work, it was your caring heart and unconditional love for your family that we learned to rise early, work hard, and take care of each other.

We know that you are proud of our accomplishments, because they are a reflection of everything that you have taught us.

From the Children

Tribute

Dedicated to Family

Always rising early

Visible in the home

Investing in your flock

Dazzling everyone with your courage and strength



Acknowledgments

*The family of David Byrd, Sr. would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for all acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, phone calls, words of comfort and every other act, is thoroughly appreciated.
May God continue to richly bless each of you.*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Michael Byrd
David Byrd, Jr.
Alvin Byrd*

*Isaac Byrd
Bennie Byrd
Murvice Turner*

FLOWER BEARERS

Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church Deaconesses

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Northside Drive
Jackson, MS*

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