

A portrait of Hillman Todd Frazier, an elderly African American man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a dark pinstriped suit, white shirt, and dark tie. The background is a soft, textured grey.

A Celebration of Life Service Honoring the Reverend  
**HILLMAN TODD FRAZIER**

*“H. T.”*

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M.

BLACK'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH • REV. JOHN McNEAL, PASTOR  
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# OBITUARY

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." II Timothy 4: 7-8*

On Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 5:50pm, surrounded by his family, Rev. Hillman Todd "H.T." Frazier transcended to be with the Lord at his residence in Jackson, MS.

Rev. Frazier was born on April 12, 1925 in Pocahontas, MS to Paige and Arlintha Dixon Frazier. Because he was born on Easter Sunday, his mother named him "Easter" to remember that special birth. However, his aunt Eliza Dixon Gooden thought it best to change his name to avoid ridicule by his siblings and peers. Of the ten children born to Paige and Arlintha, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. Eula Frazier Michael, with whom he shared a very special bond and loving relationship.

He received his formal education at Southern Christian Institute in Edwards, MS and later pursued Christian education training through the National Congress of Christian Education, USA. As a young adult, he was a lead vocalist with the Close Harmonies and traveled extensively on the quartet circuit throughout the United States. It was during this period that he was introduced to Fannie M. Banyard, who changed his life for the better! After a five (5) year courtship, they married on January 11, 1948 at Mt. Galilee M.B. Church in Jackson, MS. Their union was blessed with four (4) daughters and one (1) son. "Ladyfan", as she was affectionately called, went to be with the Lord after enjoying fifty-four (54) blessed and beautiful years together. His grandson, John Michael Patrick, Jr. met an untimely death on March 9, 2007 caused by a drunk driver.

Having a strong work ethic, Rev. Frazier worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He was a licensed and bonded building contractor, one of the first men of color to own a contracting business in Jackson. Additionally, he was the first individual to hold a demolitions license in the state of Mississippi. He later worked for Norvell E. Ogden at Power Electric Company, where he was responsible for maintenance and quality control oversight.

After accepting his ministerial calling in 1959, Rev. Frazier preached his first sermon at Mt. Galilee M.B. Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. J.A. Alexander. He served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, lead soloist and eleven (11) years in the Deacon ministry. Additionally, he served as assistant pastor under the pastorate of the late Rev. D.D. Smith at Mt. Galilee and later as an assistant pastor at Progressive M.B. Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. L.H. Newsome.

His philosophy for life came from Galatians 2:20: *"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."* He was a charismatic leader who strove to always be the best in teaching, preaching and providing guidance and counseling to saved and unsaved individuals. He taught and led by example, always encouraging others to commit themselves totally to Christ and to show love by their

words and deeds. During his ministry, he led evangelical revival services throughout Mississippi, Illinois and Alabama.

Known as one of Mississippi's most renowned Senior pastors, he served in various leadership capacities on local, district and state levels of the National Baptist Convention USA, the National Congress of Christian Education, Hinds/Rankin Counties District Associations and the Metropolitan Ministerial Fellowship of Jackson. Active in civil rights, civic and community organizations, he formerly held memberships in the South Jackson Neighborhood Service Club, the Hightower Community Neighborhood Association, the Jackson Urban League and the NAACP.

He served as pastor of Mt. Zion M.B. Church (Brandon) 1962-1968, Paige Grove M.B. Church (Utica) 1963-1965, Strawbridge M.B. Church (Utica) 1968-1977, Good Hope M.B. Church (Florence) 1968-1971, Sylvarena M.B. Church (Johns) 1977-1986, New Hope M.B. Church (Pearl) 1972-2000 and St. Thomas M.B. Church (Bolton) 1966-2007. On December 31, 2007 he retired as pastor of St. Thomas after forty-one (41) years of service.

Remembering his legacy and cherishing his memory are his daughters: Janie B. Ford, Ann LaGuan, Jacqueline (Ronnie) Crudup, Carolyn (Robert) McCallum and Etoile (John) Patrick; son, Senator Hillman (Jean) Frazier; grandchildren: Pinkey (John) Ferdinand (New Orleans, LA), LaShan LaGuan, Frederick Ford, Ronnie (Andrea) Crudup, Nadia (Kehinde) Gaynor, Julian (Erica) Frazier, Tiffany McCallum, Terence Crudup, Gabrielle Frazier, Terrell McCallum, Prisca Patrick, Paige Crudup, Timothy McCallum and Nicholas Patrick; great-grandchildren: Jeremy Ferdinand, Amari Gaynor, Ayinde Gaynor, Nya Crudup and Kristopher Frazier; sister, Eula (Joe) Michael; uncle, Pearl Frazier; sisters-in-law: Ora (Sterling) Younger, Alma Barnes (Stockton, CA), Edna R. Jones (Peoria, IL), and Mary Penn; brother-in-law, David (Annie) Penn, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the **H.T. and Fannie Frazier Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Mt. Galilee M.B. Church, 301 Julienne Street, Jackson, MS 39201-6424** or the **American Cancer Society**.

## **Don't Be Shaken By Your Circumstances**

*"Through suffering we learn that God is enough for our lives and our future. We must love God regardless of whether He allows blessings or suffering to come to us. Testing is difficult, but it offers a deeper relationship with God. Those who endure the testing of their faith will experience God's great reward in the end."*

Written By Fannie M. Frazier  
December, 2000

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Selection.....St. Thomas M. B. Church Combined Choirs

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 23*

Bro. Monday Ohwofasa, Pastor

*Mt. Galilee M. B. Church*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Philippians 1: 18-21*

Rev. Darryl L. Magee Sr., Pastor

*St. Thomas M. B. Church*

Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Rev. O. C. Oden, Pastor

*Antioch Baptist Church, Fairfield, Alabama*

Selection.....St. Thomas M. B. Church Combined Choirs

## WORDS OF COMFORT

*(three minutes)*

Rev. R. E. Cook, President

*Metropolitan Ministerial Fellowship of Jackson*

Dr. Jerry Young, President

*General Missionary Baptist State Convention of MS, Inc.*

Selection.....Minister Kenneth Brandon and Broken Vessels

FAMILY MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Bishop Ronnie Crudup, Sr., Senior Pastor  
*New Horizon Church International*

Rev. Robert McCallum, Pastor  
*Priestley Chapel Baptist Church*

Sen. Hillman Frazier, Son

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Ann LaGuan

Musical Tribute .....The Fraziers  
*Minister Kenneth Brandon and Broken Vessels*

Eulogistic Message.....Dr. John M. Patrick, Sr., Pastor  
*Greater Northside M. B. Church*

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# IN GRATITUDE

## THE FAMILY OF REVEREND H. T. FRAZIER

gratefully acknowledges all acts of kindness shown them during this transitional period. Your visits, calls, cards, e-mails, flowers, food, etc. were a constant source of encouragement. The love, care and concern shown us will always be cherished memories.

We pray God's richest and continued bountiful blessings upon each of you.

We extend special thanks to the St. Thomas Church Family, the Pastor and Officers of Black's Chapel Baptist Church, various law enforcement agencies and special friends of the family for the support given as we prepared to celebrate the life and legacy of our loved one.

*I was glad when they said unto me,*

*“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*

Psalm 122:1



Together Forever

*H.T. & Fannie Frazier*

# ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Nephews

# HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Grandsons

Deacons and Trustees of Mt. Galilee M. B. Church  
Deacons and Trustees of New Hope M. B. Church (Pearl)  
Deacons and Trustees of St. Thomas M. B. Church  
Metropolitan Ministerial Fellowship of Jackson

# FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

# INTERMENT

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Jackson, Mississippi

# REPAST

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