

A portrait of Marvin Leon Howard, a Black man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. Two white doves are flying: one in the upper left and one in the middle right, both with their wings spread. The text is overlaid on the image in various fonts and colors.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARVIN LEON  
HOWARD  
"Emmitt"

SUNRISE

January 26, 1954

SUNSET

June 25, 2008

Thursday, July 3, 2008

11:00 A.M.

Sylvarena Missionary Baptist Church  
Johns, Mississippi  
Pastor Marcus Mann, Officiating

# Life and Legacy

*"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."*

2 Corinthians 5:8

Marvin Leon Howard "Emmitt" was born on January 26, 1954 in Johns, Mississippi. He was the fourth son born to Clarence and Ruth Howard. He departed this earthly life at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at Community Hospice.

His father, Clarence Howard, sister, Vergie, brother, Selmer and daughter, Jasmine preceded him in death. In 1979, he joined the United States Air Force and was discharged with honor. He was married to Dorothy and to this union was born his oldest daughter, Shomona Howard Hooks.

Marvin was employed in Fort Worth, Texas as a Senior Medical Technologist at Cooks Children Medical Center for 18 years. After leaving Cooks, he was employed at AEL for 2 years. In October of 2007 he was employed at the Medical Center in Plano, Texas where he worked until the time of his death.

In 1999, he married Mildred Yvette Frances. To this union was born Marcus L. Howard and Emmitt M. Howard.

Marvin leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Yvette; mother, Ruth Howard; brothers: John Rawls, Levell Rawls, Timothy Howard, Lynn Howard and Sam Howard; daughter, Shomona Hooks (Brian) of Aberdeen, Maryland; sons: Eric Palmer (Erica) of Jackson, Mississippi, Kevin Frances, Marcus Howard and Emmitt Howard of Fort Worth, TX; father-in-law, Tommie L. Washington and mother-in-law, Barbara Washington both of Fort Worth, TX. Additionally he leaves 8 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



# Order of Service

Master of Ceremony..... Silvanus Johnson

Prelude.....Queen Esther Ficklin

Processional

Song

Scripture ..... Rev. Charles Fletcher

Prayer..... Rev. Dan A. Parker

Song

Expressions.....*3 minutes please* .... Family and Friends

Obituary ..... (*Read silently*) ..... Soft Music

Acknowledgments ..... Silvanus Johnson

Eulogy..... Pastor Marcus Mann

Dean Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

# The Broken Chain

*We little knew that afternoon  
that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.  
It broke our heart to lose you, you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide  
and though we cannot see, you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.*

## A Tribute to My Husband

Words can not express how much you mean to me. It is my belief that God hand selects a mate for his children. From the very moment you entered my life, I knew you were heaven sent. I had never known the real meaning of love, dedication, happiness and commitment until I became your wife. Your immeasurable pledge to our marriage was apparent to all who knew and to those who did not. You made sure that I had no unfulfilled desires. Through your actions, it was impossible for me to feel any less than a queen. Marvin you are my king, now and forever more.

With Infinite Love,  
Yvette

## **A Tribute from the Children**

Thank you daddy. Thank you for your undying love and infinite wisdom. You instilled invaluable ethics in us. You have consistently endured life's greatest challenges with faith and courage. Throughout our time with you, you have been a mother and father, a confidant and a hero.

We have watched you unselfishly labor for countless hours just to ensure that our needs were sustained. Even when you worked for days on end, came home tired, you never complained; providing for your family was always your first priority. What we want to say is, thank you and well done daddy. Now it is your turn to take your well deserved rest.

Love,  
Your Children

## **To My Son**

I love you, Emmitt.

My son my friend,

I know that I will see you again.

You always told us that only God knows our end.

My child, I want you to know, God gave us a beginning too,  
It was on Calvary's mountain above the clouds, purple and blue.

Emmitt, my sunshine,

I know that you are smiling down on me.

Being your Mother, I was blessed to be.

I love you, Emmitt

Your Mother



## To Our Brother

*The good times we had you as our brother,  
No one can ever take away;  
For these are feelings deep in our hearts,  
And are always there to stay.*

*When we were young and growing up,  
You made us laugh all the time,  
We were more than proud to say,  
“This is a brother of mine?”*

*Although we went through many things,  
You were a good friend too.  
You showed us that you really loved us,  
By the things you would say and do.*

*We love you and we will miss you,  
But on God we must depend,  
For He will supply our every need,  
And He will meet us at the end.*

**Love, Your Brothers**

## To Our Granddaddy

*Although your time with us was not very long,  
The love you gave us will always be known.*

**We love you,  
Your grandchildren**

A white dove is shown in flight against a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. The dove is positioned on the right side of the page, facing left. Its wings are spread wide, and its tail feathers are visible. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

## To our Brother-in-Law

*There is an open gate at the end of the road,  
Through which each must go alone.  
And there is a light, we cannot see.*

*Our Father claims His own,  
Beyond this gate our loved one finds,  
Happiness and Rest,  
And there is comfort in the thought that  
A loving God knows best.*

**Love,  
Your Sisters-in-law**

## A Tribute to My Uncle

Thank you uncle for everything you showed us. You showed us a work ethic that can only be admired. You took us outside our everyday element and exposed us to the love of nature, fishing, boating and so much more. You included us in your family circle as if we were your own sons. We will never forget your smile and all your encouraging ways. You are one of the few people we can say are our role model. We will always treasure the wonderful memories.

**Love,  
Your Nephews, Darius and Derek**

# Acknowledgements

*When we have difficult decisions to make and are faced with complex challenges to overcome, there is such great comfort in the assurance that we are not alone in this hour's seeming loss. We do not always know what lies ahead, but knowing that someone is standing by in love and understanding, inspires us and fills us with much needed confidence in God's love and in our ability to handle whatever is before us through faith. The family would like to thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, food and other acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. May God continue to bless you.*

## Active Pallbearers

*Derek Perkins  
Darius Washington  
Ronnie Boone*

*Pete Boone  
Kevin Frances  
Curtis Stapleton*

## Honorary Pallbearers

*Brian Hooks  
Tim Howard  
Levell Rawls*

*Lynn Howard  
Sam Howard  
John Rawls*

## Interment

*Sylvarena M.B. Church  
Cemetery*

## Repast

*Sylvarena M.B. Church  
Fellowship Hall*

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