



*A Celebration of Life and Service  
for the Late*

*Monroe Dillon, Sr.*

*Sunrise: April 10, 1924 ~ Sunrise: August 27, 2008*

*Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.*

*Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church  
Magnolia, Mississippi*

*Reverend Preston Davis, Pastor/Officiant ~ Reverend Willie Gallager, Program Guide*

# Obituary

To be read silently

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens."*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Deacon Monroe Dillon, Sr. was born on April 10, 1924, in Amite County, MS. He departed this life August 27, 2008. He was the thirteenth (13th) child born to Mr. Flowers Dillon, Sr., and Mrs. Ada Taylor Dillon. To that union, nineteen (19) children were born, eleven (11) daughters and eight (8) sons. Preceding him in death were his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Mrs. Luvarn Dillon, his parents, nine (9) sisters: Mattie, Rachael, Bertha, Matilda, Clementine, Lillian, Rosie, Mary and Myrtis; and seven (7) brothers: Howard, Hollis, Flowers, Jr. Alva, Henry, Leonard and Ellis. He is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Alma Varnado of Sacramento, California and Mrs. Ethel McKnight of Picayune, MS.

Deacon Dillon confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and joined the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church where he remained until his death. He was a loyal and faithful member. He was a member of the church's Trustee Board, and was a Mason with Tickfaw Lodge 633.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Mrs. Luvarn Holden Dillon on January 20, 1946. To that union fourteen (14) children were born; seven sons: Rev. Curtis (Lillie), Monroe Jr. (Johnnie), Melvin (Shirley) all of Metairie, LA; Pastor Robert E (Mary), Montgomery, AL, Jerry Dillon, DDS, MS, Ph.D, Chicago, IL, Wesley (Metashar), Hartford, CT, and Dr. Tracy Dillon, MD, Alpharetta, GA; and seven daughters: Vikki Mumford (Alexander) Jackson, MS, Annette McCoy, Ph.D Magnolia, MS, Brenda Holmes (Melvin) Prairieville, LA, Beverly Gordon Orlando, FL, Eva Dillon-Moore, Breaux Bridge, LA, Betty Dillon, DDS, Stone Mountain, GA, and Edna Owens (Melvin) Stone Mountain, GA. He has fifty-four (54) grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was a loving husband, father, brother, and grandfather. He encouraged all of his children to obtain the best education possible.

Deacon Monroe Dillon was a quiet, hard working, peaceful, family man. *He never focused on what was lacking in his life's essay, rather, he looked for substance and key points in the content.* He walked in paths that would be good, not only for his children, but for others who might pass his way. He loved to hunt, and to make repairs on vehicles and anything that required using his hands. He was resourceful, and a master improviser. As a dairy farmer, he liked to ride his three-wheeler to locate cows with calves, and to get cows to the barn for milking. He was always generous and willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Deacon Dillon knew he was Accepted by Grace, and **that all is well with his soul ...and today we CELEBRATE his life as he has made his transition.**

*"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; from now on, they rest from their labors; and their works follow them."* Revelation 14:13

# Order of Service

Rev. Willie Gallager, Program Guide

## Prelude

Processional..... Ministers and Family

Selection..... *“When We All Get to Heaven”*

## Scriptures:

Old Testament ..... Rev. Preston Davis

New Testament ..... Bro. Melvin Holmes, Sr.

Prayer ..... Rev. Curtis Dillon

Selection ..... Choir

## Tributes:

As a Deacon ..... Deacon Jehu Cockerham

As a Church Member and Trustee ..... Mr. Johnny M. Scott

Remarks..... Others ..... (limit to two (2) minutes)

Remarks as a Family member ..... Rev. Robert E. Dillon

Solo ..... *“We Shall Behold Him”* ..... Mrs. Edna Owens

Poem..... *“The Appointment”* ..... Mrs. Sarah Chambliss

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Willie Gallager

Obituary ..... *Read silently* ..... Soft Music

Acknowledgments ..... Mrs. Eula Mason

Selection ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. Preston Davis, Sr. Pastor

Viewing of Remains ..... Funeral Directors in Charge

## Recessional

# Card of Thanks

How grateful we are to the many relatives, friends, organizations, churches, ministries, ushers, and neighbors who expressed their sympathy with numerous acts of kindness. Your prayers, love, and words of comfort exhibited during the illness and death of our beloved father, brother, and grandfather are greatly appreciated.

We deeply appreciate your visits, telephone calls, cards, floral arrangements, delicious food and every act of loving kindness. It is comforting to know that so many people remembered us during our difficult time. We are grateful to God for giving us faithful friends like you. One is never prepared to face life's darkest moments alone. Because of your thoughtful expressions we are certain that dawn will surely come.

Special thanks to all of his caretakers, Community Nursing Home, Jackson, MS, and Southwest Nursing Home in McComb, MS for your many hours of loving care. Special thanks to the entire Pilgrim Rest family for your prayers, visits, care packages, and general care for him, especially in our absence. Special thanks to Rev. Willie Gallager, Rev. David Henderson, and Pastor Preston Davis for your many prayers, visits and ministry.

**Thank You**  
**The Dillon Family**

## Active Pallbearers

Bradford K. Dillon  
Monroe Dillon, III  
Melvin Dillon, II  
Jarrod D. Mumford  
Robert Dillon, II  
Kenneth Dillon  
Melvin Holmes, Jr.  
Marc Holmes

Kevin McCoy  
James McCoy, II  
Nathaniel Moore  
Zachariah Moore  
Jeremiah Moore  
Shawn Moore  
Gerald Mumford  
Alfred L. Gordon, II

## Interment

Dillon's Estate

## Repast

Eagle's Nest on Dillon's Estate

### Services Entrusted To:

*Craft Funeral Home*

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