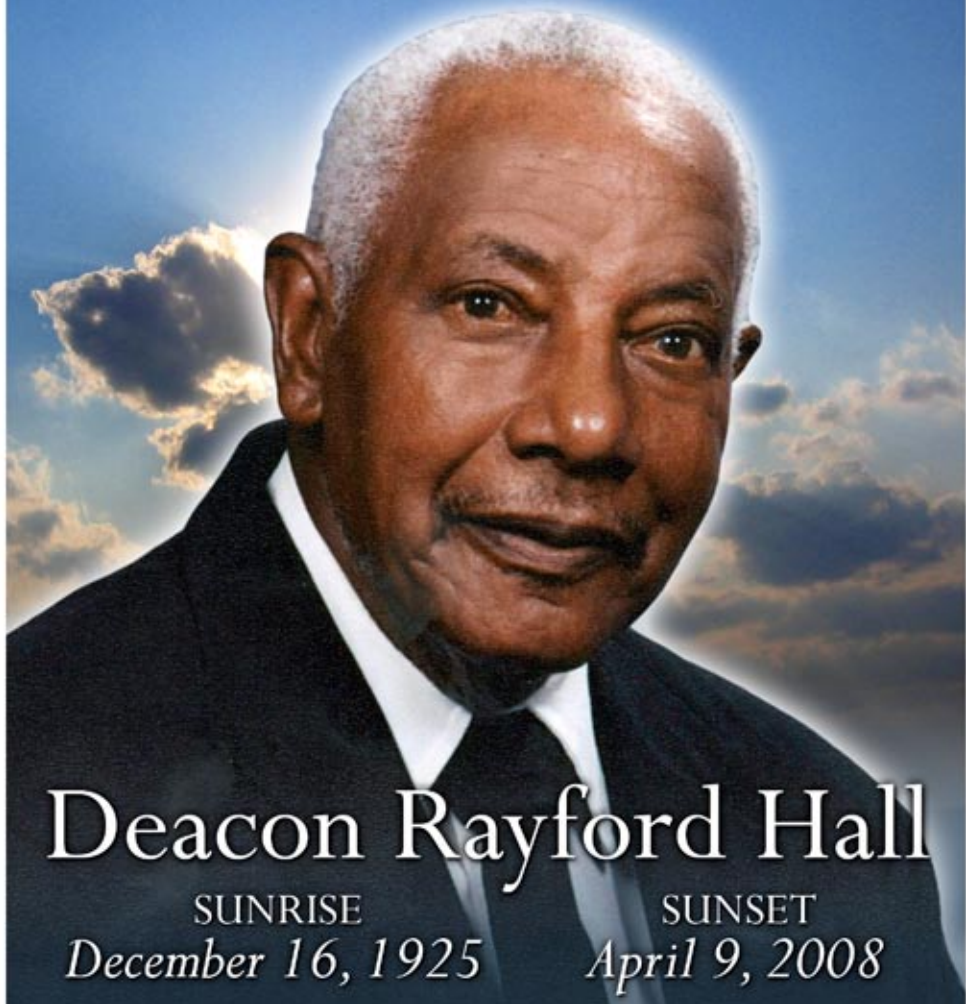


*Homegoing Celebration for*



# Deacon Rayford Hall

SUNRISE

*December 16, 1925*

SUNSET

*April 9, 2008*

Saturday, April 12, 2008  
11:00 a.m.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
Prentiss, Mississippi 39474

Pastor Ozell White, Officiating  
Charlene Hall, Mistress of Ceremony

# Obituary

*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither shall there be anymore pain. . .”*

Revelation 21:4

Brother Hall was born on December 16, 1925 to the late John and Janie Hall. He departed this life on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 12:45 a.m. at the MS Baptist Medical Center.

Brother Hall was a lifetime member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. During his tenure, he served as deacon and member of the male chorus. He was also a member of the Mason Lodge in Prentiss, Mississippi.

Brother Hall was united in holy matrimony on October 20, 1956 to Essie Jewel Newsome. To this union eight children were born.

Preceding him in death were his sisters: Marie Easterling, Anna Jackson and Ilene Hall; brothers: Johnny (Pearl) Hall, Clarence Hall, and Willie (Barbara) Hall.

Brother Hall leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Essie Jewel Hall; children: Barbara Hall, Charles Hall and Patrick Hall of Jackson, MS, Linda (Kevin) Swanier of Gulfport, MS, Renee Hall of Pearl, MS, Stephanie (Michael) Martin of Brandon, MS, Jacqueline (Denis) Smith of Madison, MS, and Tomeka (Dewayne) Cheatham of Florence, MS; one God-child, Clinton Newsome of Jackson, MS; one brother, Herman (Helen) Hall; one sister, Irene (S.J.) Funches; eighteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Musician

Processional

Song ..... Male Choir

Scripture ..... Rev. Jessie Holloway

Prayer ..... Rev. Jessie Holloway

Expressions ..... Anyone

Acknowledgments ..... Charlene Hall

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Medley of Songs ..... Rev. Kevin Youngblood

Eulogy ..... Rev. Ozell White

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

# **Fearless and Ready to Go**

*Dear ones, there's something you need to know;  
death has knocked upon my door  
and I am ready to go.*

*I have no strength left within me  
to stay and fight,  
and I have no desire to -  
now I've seen the light.*

*For the light of death is brighter  
than the light of day,  
and death's sweet voice is calling me -  
calling me away.*

*So dear ones, very soon  
I know that you will weep,  
as my body falls into an everlasting sleep.*

*But read these words I've written once again,  
and you will see,  
I welcome death with loving arms -  
it holds no fear for me!*

# From the Grandchildren

Our grandfather was a unique man. He always knew how to make you smile. If anyone knew my grandfather, they knew he exemplified his name: **Rayford**

**R - Respectful**

**A - Awesome**

**Y - Young at heart**

**F - Faithful**

**O - Outstanding**

**R - Role Model**

**D - Delightful**

Our grandfather was a man who fought for a long time. He never gave up on anything he did. One of our childhood memories that we remember was *PawPaw* could never get his tractor started. Everybody kept telling him, “*Come on, don't worry about it, because we will get it fixed later.*” He did not quit or give up. He stayed out there and worked on that tractor until it was fixed. *PawPaw* was a man that had faith in whatever he did. One of *PawPaw's* teachings was to never talk back and disrespect your parents. *PawPaw* had all the characteristics of the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness and faith. Rayford *PawPaw* Hall will truly be missed, but we all know he is in a better place.

We Love You,  
Mesha Martin, Olivia Hall, Ashlee Swanier,  
and Eyonna Wolfe





# Acknowledgements

*Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for the love and kindness shown to us during the illness and passing of our loved one. Please continue to pray for us. May God bless you.*

## **The Hall Family**

*Special thanks to Baptist Medical Center staff, Dr. Nurudeen Shekoni, Dr. David Miller, and Dr. Charles Hall.*

*Special thanks to our sister, Barbara, who took great care of our Dad during his illness.*

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

*Phillip Jackson*

*Kevin Hall*

*Carlo Jackson*

*Arsenio Hall*

*Kenneth Hall*

*Terry Norwood*

*James Norwood*

## **Active Pallbearers**

*Nephews*

## **Flower Bearers**

*Granddaughters*

## **Interment**

*Griffin Cemetery  
Prentiss, Mississippi*

## **Repast**

*Mt. Zion M.B. Church  
Prentiss, Mississippi*

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