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**LUCKY, TIFFANEY (1976 -2020)** - Tiffany Trenice Fordham Lucky was born on July 16, 1976 to Clara Sims, Lawrence Fordham (biological) and Harold Lucky, Sr. (father).

Tiffany attended the public schools of Orange County, then move to California and graduated from Escondido High School with the Class of 1994. She was married to Luther Bullard, Jr. and to this union two sons, A'mari Bullard and Luther K. Bullard were born.

The Lord in His infinite wisdom deemed it timely to call from our midst our beloved Tiffany Trenice Fordham Lucky on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Her departure is a deep and personal loss to her family and friends, and she will be greatly missed by them all.

Tiffany leaves to cherish her love, joy and endless memories: two sons; A'mari Karron Bullard (Latrevious A.) of Idaho and Luther Kashawn Bullard of Orlando, Florida; father of her children and life-long friend, Luther Bullard, Jr. of Orlando, Florida; sisters, Frannicola Lucky of Orlando, Florida, Harriett Lucky Bell of Lithonia, Georgia, Natsha Godbolt-Williams (Ourtland) of Cross City, Florida, Andrea Fordham Teasley (Derek) of Apopka, Florida; brothers, Harold Lucky, Jr. of Deltona, Florida, Andre Fordham (Charcle Wilson) of New Jersey, David Fordham of Lithonia, Georgia; one amazing granddaughter, Karter Bullard (Amari and Latrevious Bullard); god-daughter, Justice Williams of Orlando, Florida; godparents, Julia and Roosevelt Thaggard; a host of nephews and nieces, Kayland Lucky (9 children), Ashwood Bell (2 children), Aston Bell (5 children), Stephanie Hamilton (2 children), Sheena Waters (5 children), Charitie Bell (2 children), Shaunteah Span (2 children), Sally Johnson (4 children), Talia Fordham, Moses Fordham, Titus Fordham, D'Andre Fordham, Jean-Ashia Fordham; special cousins, Kendal Edwards, Calvin Galloway, Vera Sams, Irma Jean Smith, Peggy Ann Sims, Robert Green, Mancefield Fordham, Thomas Sims, Walter Green, Gregory Sims; best friends, Kim Brooks, Sandy Jacke, Byron Shaw, Shonda Birtha; and a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

**MOON-LEWIS, CARRIE MAE -- (June 14, 1911 - August 22, 2006)** Sister Carrie Mae Moon Lewis was born June 14, 1911 to the late Bonnie Moon, Sr. and Emmaline Shepard Moon (sister of Sarah Ann Oxford) in Terrell County. She was the second of eleven children: Luther J. Moon, George Moon, Joe Nathan Moon, Bonnie Moon, Jr., Sarah B. Moon Davis, Alma Lee Moon Goolsby, and Vera Moon Green, (all of whom preceded her in death);and Ethel Moon Brack, Beatrice Moon Collins, and Charlie Will Moon.

She was educated in the Terrell County School System. At a very early age she joined the Macedonia Baptist Church, Parrott, GA where she served faithfully as a member until her health failed.

In November of 1934, Carrie Mae Moon was united in holy matrimony to the late James Leo Lewis, Sr. This union was blessed with six children.

On Tuesday, the 22nd day of August the angels called and Carrie Mae Moon Lewis replied, "Here Am I." She was the mother and deaconess of her church where she served faithfully until her health prevented her active participation.

Carrie was employed for 16 years at Terrell County Hospital as a dietitian. She was also known for her exceptional skill as a dressmaker and for being a caring, loving person.

She leaves to cherish her legacy and precious memories, six loving children, Jimmy Lewis (Mae), Miami, FL, Emma K. Lewis-Holloway (Commissioner Lucius), Dawson, GA, Alonza Lewis, Sr. (Rosa Anna), Dawson, GA, James L. Lewis, Jr. (Joanne), Albany, GA, Louise Lewis Bishop, Dawson, GA, Rev. Robert L. Lewis (Mary), Albany, GA; two sisters, Ethel Brack, Beatrice Collins (James) Dawson, GA; one brother, Dea. Charlie Moon (Pearlie), Parrott, GA; one sister-in-law, Bessie Lewis Holloman, Columbus, GA; 19 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

**MOTE, VERA BELL MAY, (1915 - 1989)** -- Mrs. Vera Bell May Mote died in Orlando, Florida on November 1, 1989. Mrs. Mote was born in Parrott, Georgia on January 15, 1915. She married Tommie Lee Mote on April 4, 1935. The Mote family had lived in Orlando, Florida for many years. Mrs. Motes survivors include the following: husband, Tommie Lee Mote; Daughters, Leila Bell Mobley, and Stephanie Mote, both of Orlando, Florida; Brothers, S.B. May, Orlando, and Charlie May, Parrott, Georgia; Sisters-in-law, Florine May, Orlando, and Walter Lee May, Parrott, Georgia; three grandchildren, Barbara Poole, Richard Mobley, Jr., and Jerome Mobley, all of Orlando; one great grandchild, two great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Mrs. Mote was an active member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church in Orlando. Funeral services were held on November 7, 1989. Interment was in the Washington Park Cemetery.

**MYERS, CORA BELLE JACKSON** -- (1953 - 2001) Cora Belle Myers, wife of Henderson Myers and daughter-in-law of Arcola "Teck" Myers died on August 25, 2001. Cora Belle was born on February 26, 1953 to Mrs. Ozzie Lee Jackson and the late Benny Jackson in Bronwood, GA. She attended the public schools of Terrell County GA and graduated from Terrell County Middle School in 1971.

She joined Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church at an early age, where she served as Director of the Youth Usher Board and also served as an usher on the Senior Usher Board. Belle also attended Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Parrott with her husband Hendersaon.

Belle married Henderson Myers on July 3, 1976. She furthered her education by attending Albany Tech and was employed by Workforce Management Services of Albany.

She leaves to mourn her passing a loving husband, Henderson Myers of Dawson GA; four children Markis Myers and Nekesha Myers, both of Dawson, Kenyarta Daniels of Atlanta, and Demetrious Lumpkin of Jacksonville, FL. Felle leaves three grandchildran, Christopher Hicks, Omari Lumpkin and Tamara Daniels. She leaves three Godchildren, a loving mother Mrs. Ozzie Jackson and stepfather, Mr. Jimmy Jackson both of Bronwood, a devoted mother-in-law, Arcola Oxford Myers of Sasser, GA.

Belle also leaves ten sisters and brothers: Willie Mae Bogan, Marvin Starks, Roger Jackson, India Glover, Jerry Jackson, Ruthel Jackson, Sandra Jackson, and Milton Jackson, all of Terrell County GA, and Dorothy Jackson of Albany GA, and Betty Jean Palmer of Kansas City KS.

Her extended family, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Essie and McKinley Bradley, Larry Myers, Darious and Gwen Myers, Jeffery Myers, Cleveland Myers, Johnny and Shirley Oxford, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Services were held on September 1, 2001 at Macedonia Baptist Church, interment was at Salem African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, Bronwood GA.

**OSBORNE, SUSIE MAE ELLEN GOODMAN -- (August 20, 1943- September 1, 2001)** Mrs. Susie Mae Ellen Goodman Osborne was born on August 20, 1943 to the late Aggie and Truly Shepherd Goodman. She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. Luther James Osborne and to this union five children were born.

She exchanged this life for eternal life on September 1, 2001 . She left on this side to cherish her memory, a loving husband, Johnny Dennis; three daughters, Rhonda (Ricky) Crawford, Virginia (Demethris) Jennings of Griffin GA, and Dianna Cambell of Cocoa Beach, FL; two sons, Kenneth and Curtis Osborne of Griffin GA; six sisters and three brothers, Louise Graves of Coco Beach, FL, Aggie (Georgia) Goodman II of Milwaukee, Wes., Nadine (Fisher) Pope, Juanita (Robert) White, Lurlyne Williams, Shirley (James) Jordan, all of Griffin GA, Jurell (Winifred) Brockington of Douglas, GA, Raymond Goodman, Orlando FL, Billy (Carolyn) Goodman of Detroit MI; ten

grandchildren, Kenneth, Tanisha, Melchesidic, Lakecia, Barshundra, Kenneth Jr., Katika, Kendrick, Travious, and Ginia, all of Griffin, GA.

**OUSLEY, JR., WILLIE LEE** --(1930-2000) On June 8, 2000, Willie Lee Ousley, Jr., of Sarasota, Florida was funeralized. Mr. Ousley was the cousin of Mary Ann Clay. (The following is excerpted from his funeral program).

Mr. Willie Lee Ousley, Jr. (Billy) was born on September 27, 1930 in Sasser, Georgia to the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Ousley, Sr. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Ousley leaves to mourn his loving wife, Queen Ousley; seven daughters, Dorothy Fudd of Atlanta, GA, Linda Johnson, Lelia McRae, Jennifer Ousley, Penny S. Ousley, Billie Jo Thomas, Tara (Nicke) Ousley all of Sarasota, FL; two sons, Benny Johnson and Jack Ousley; two sons-in-law Corey Thomas and Clevis (C.J.) McRae all of Sarasota, FL; grandchildren, Sean, Stefan both of Atlanta, GA, Godenna, Kellie, Ashley, Anquette, Tyler, Asia, Elexis, Devonte, Christopher, Rochelle all of Sarasota, FL; great-grandchildren, Breunna, Lasean both of Atlanta, GA, Nahryanna and Ashnel both of Sarasota; aunts Leola Ousley, Mary Ousley and Essie Mae Bronner; mother-in-law, Laura Groom; father-in-law, Wesley Johnson; six sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews and other sorrowing relatives and friends. He was funeralized at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Sarasota. Interment-Palms Memorial Park.

**OXFORD, ADOLPHUS, Sr.** --(November 27, 1918 - October 6, 1995) -- Adolphus Oxford, Sr, departed this life on October 6, 1995 at HCA Palmyra Park Medical Center, Albany, following a long illness. Adolphus "Flick", was the son of the late "Dock" and Annie Mae Oxford. His wife of 60 years was Annie Lee Oxford. The couple had eleven children. One child, Annie Bell Oxford preceded him in death.

Adolphus, a deacon in the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, left many relatives to mourn his passing. He left seven daughters, Cessie Reid and Annette Threats, of Dawson, GA; Evelyn Anderson, Brockton, MA; Martha Harden, Newark, NJ; Josie Bakon, Stoughton, MA; Deloris Ogbonna, Lanham, MD; and Marilyn Elliot, Dorchester, MA; three sons, Deacon Adolphus Oxford, Jr., and Deacon Otis Oxford, of Dawson, GA; and Willie James Oxford, Salinas, CA; one brother, Johnnie "Duke" Oxford, and one sister, Essie Belle Leary, both of Lexington, NY. He also leaves 22 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at Macedonia Baptist Church in Parrott, GA. Rev. Melvin McCluster officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

**OXFORD (WIGGINS), ANNIE BELL** --( 1952-2002) -- Sis. Annie Bell Oxford died after an automobile accident on December 13, 2002 . Annie Bell was the wife of Otis Oxford

(son of the late "Flick" and Annie Lee Oxford). She was the daughter of Deacon O'Neal Wiggins, Sr. and the late Lula Mae Collins Wiggins. She was born in Randolph County Georgia in 1952. Sis. Oxford confessed Christ at an early age at the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist. She later reunited with the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Parrott Georgia . She served faithfully until her death. Her most recent assignment was that of Assistant Youth Directress and Church Reporter. She was a 1970 graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Dawson , Georgia . She was employed by Cooper Lighting in Americus, Georgia.

She leaves to mourn her passing a devoted husband, Deacon Otis Oxford and a loving father, Deacon O'Neal Wiggins, Sr., both of Dawson, Georgia . She also leaves five sisters, Lula Alexander of Jacksonville, FL, Ida Johnson, Mary Johnson, and Lucille Long, all of Orlando, FL, and Helen Wiggins of Dawson, GA; three brothers, Jimmy Wiggins, of Dawson, and Willie James of Parrott, GA., and Master Sergeant O'Neal Wiggins of Ft. Campbell, KY; five Stepchildren, nine step grandchildren; nine brothers-in-law; thirteen sisters-in-law; two special aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Rev. Lucious Mitchell, Sr., Macedonia 's pastor, officiated.

**OXFORD, ANNIE LEE --(May 20, 1920 - February 20, 2001)--** Annie Lee Gammage Oxford was born on May 20, 1920 to James Gammage, Sr., and Everline Smith-Gammage. She received her education in the public schools of Terrell County, Georgia.

Mrs. Oxford joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Parrott, Georgia at the early age of nine years old. She served as an usher, secretary and president of the mission until her health began to fail. She was always a loving and faithful worker in the church. Anything she could do to help was done willingly and without any confusion in the Lords house. She loved her pastors and her church family. She loved Sunday School and singing in the choir. She was a devoted member of the mission board. She was also the mother of the church (Macedonia Baptist Church), where most of the members she addressed as her children.

Annie Lee Gammage and Adolphus Oxford, Sr., were united in holy matrimony on December 26, 1935. To this union eleven children were born. One child, Annie Bell Oxford, preceded her in death (June 16, 1937).

Mrs. Oxford departed this life on February 20, 2001 at HCA Palmyra Park Medical Centers in Albany, Georgia. She leaves many friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Children; Cessie Reed, Annette Threat, Deacon Otis Oxford, Deacon Adolphus Oxford, Jr., Willie Oxford, (all of Dawson, Georgia), Evelyn Anderson (Brockton, Mass.), Josie Bakon (Stoughton, Mass.), Delois Ogbonna (Lanham, Maryland.), Marilyn

Elliott (Dorchester, Mass.), and Martha Harden (Newark, N.J.); one brother James Gammage, Jr. (Dawson), one brother-in-law, Johnny L. Oxford (Lexington, NY); one sister-in-law, Essie Bell Leary (Lexington, NY); three very special cousins, Mrs. Dorothy Murray, Bertha J. Richardson, and Janie Dozier all (Jacksonville, Fla.); twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and nineteen great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Oxford was funeralized on Saturday, February 24, 2001, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Parrott, Georgia. Rev. Lucious Mitchell, Pastor, officiated. Interment was in Macedonia Church Cemetery, Parrott, Georgia.

***A Tribute to Mother***

*Cessie Oxford Reed*

*Mother taught us many things...*

*She taught us about respect,*

*Because she respected herself.*

*And about support, by the way she's been there for us.*

*Through the good times and the bad.*

*Mother taught us*

*We gotta be strong when we feel weak*

*(But that its okay to be tired sometimes)*

*And she taught us*

*To always treat other people*

*The way we want to be treated*

*Through her teaching, her supporting,*

*And her comforting,*

*Our mother made a safety net*

*Of love for us and we knew that*

*If ever life knocked us down*

*We would be caught and protected and*

*Secured by the strongest of things*

*Our Mother's Love.*

**OXFORD, ANTHONY "T.Y."** – Anthony "T.Y." Oxford of Hartford, Connecticut, died on November 11, 1993. Anthony was the son of Rosebud Oxford and the late Adell "Sam" Oxford. Anthony was the grand-son of the late Jess Oxford.

**OXFORD, DOCK --(1898 - 1979)** – Mr. Dock Oxford, son of the late Mr. Mance and Mrs. Sarah Ann Oxford was born November, 1898 in Parrott, Terrell Co., Georgia. At an early age he joined the Macedonia Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Kelly. He departed this life on June 12, 1979.

He was married to the late Mrs. Annie Mae Hall and to that union two sons and one daughter was born: Adolphus Oxford, of Dawson Ga.; Johnny Oxford of Brooklyn New York; and Mrs. Essie Bell Leary of New York New York.

Besides his children, he leaves to mourn three sisters and a brother: Mrs Nannie Telfair of Atlanta, GA; Mrs. Martha Penn of Hartford Conn.; Mrs. Arie D. Jackson of Orlando, Fla.; and Mr. Otis Oxford of Orlando, Fla. He also leaves: two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Annie Lee Oxford of Dawson, Ga., and Mrs. Wavie Oxford of Jamacia, New York; thirteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. One aunt, Mrs. Ophelia Smith.

The funeral services were held on June 16, 1979, at the Macedonia Baptist Church, Parrott, Ga. Rev. James O. Carter, pastor, officiated. Albritten's Funeral Home had charge of the body. The remains were interred in the Macedonia Church cemetery.

**OXFORD, JESS --(1897-1971)** - Mr. Jess Oxford was born in Parrott, Georgia [in 1897], the son of Mr. And Mrs. Mance Oxford. Being a member of a Christian family he joined the church at an early age. He continued this fellowship in later years upon coming to Altamonte Springs, Florida with the William Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Miss Johnnie Darns. To this union was born five children. His good citizenship and concern for his family showed through until he lost his health. The deceased was very industrious and his vocational interests thrived.

Deeply mourning his demise are his four daughters, Mrs. Thelma Walton, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Jesse Iverson, Hartford; Mrs. Arcilla Myers, Parrott, Ga., Mrs. Mary Gun Clay, Sasser, Ga.; One Son, Mr. John L. Oxford, Parrott, GA.

Two stepsons, Mr. James Gadsen, Mr. Napoleon Gadsen, Altamonte; four sisters, Mrs. Nannie Telfaire, Atlanta GA, Mrs. Arie D. Jackson, Orlando FLA; Mrs. Ozzie Bell Carter, Atlanta; Mrs. Martha Oxford, Hartford, CT; three brothers, Mr. John [Dock?] Oxford, Orlando, Mr. Otis Oxford, Orlando; Mr. Velma Oxford, Hartford CT, twenty-six grandchildren, forty-four great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Mr. Oxford's services were held on Friday, November 12, 1971 at William Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Altamonte Springs, FL. Rev. E.R. Rucker officiated. Interment was in Altamonte Cemetery. Lawson Funeral Home (Winter Park, FL) had the body (Richmond J. Lawson, Funeral Director).

**OXFORD, JESSE ADELL --(1948 - 1989)** -- Jesse Adell Oxford, son of Carrie Mae and the late Adell "Sam" Oxford, died on November 3, 1989. Jesse Adell, born on May 31, 1948, was the grandson of the late Jess Oxford and the great-grandson of the late Mance & Sarah Ann Oxford. Jesse Adell was also the nephew of the late John L. "Jaybird" Oxford.

**OXFORD, SR. JOHN L. --"Jaybird" (1929 - 1989)** -- "The late Bro. John L. (Jaybird) Oxford, son of the late Mr. Jesse Oxford and Mrs. Johnnie D. Oxford, was born July 29, 1929, in Terrell County, Ga.

Bro. Oxford joined Macedonia Baptist Church at an early age and attended the public schools of Terrell County. Mr. Oxford entered into God's Kingdom Thursday, October 26, 1989.

He leaves to mourn his passing a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Ethel Mae Peters Oxford of Parrott, Ga.; children - Gloria Jean Oxford Hall of Webster County, Terry Lynn Oxford Arnold of Dawson, Ga., Dollie Will Oxford of Bronwood, Ga., Janet Louise, Scotty, and John L. Oxford, Jr., all of Parrott, Ga., Lucy Moses of Webster County and Linda Butler of Columbus, Ga.; five sisters, Arcolia Myers of Dawson, Ga., Mary Ann Clay of Sasser, Ga., Thelma Walton of Hartford, Ct, Jessie Mae Iverson of Spring Lake, N.C., and Mattie Griggs of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, James and Napolian Gasden of Florida; two loving mothers-in-law, Ethel Lee Jackson and Carrie Peters of Terrel County; father-in-law Marcella Peters of Dawson, Ga.; three sons-in-law, Albert Hall and James Allen Moses of Webster County, Willie Arnold of Dawson, Ga.; seven sisters-in-law, Patricia, Sylvia Rose, and Carrie Peters, all of Dawson, Ga., Ethel Griggs of Parrott, Ga., Mattie Jones of Dawson, Ga. and Ruby Gasden of Florida; eight brothers-in-law, Mr. Arthur L. Clay of Sasser, Ga., and Willie C. Peters, all of Dawson, Ga., Wilbur Griggs of Dawson; Three aunts, Nannie Oxford Telfare of Atlanta, Ga., Martha Faye Oxford of Hartford, CT, and Leola Darns Ousley of Albany, Ga.; two uncles, James Ousley, Sr. of Albany, Ga. and Willie Whaley of Parrott, Ga.; nine grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends."

Funeral services were held on November 1, 1989 at Macedonia Baptist Church, interment was in the church cemetery."

**OXFORD, JOHNNIE (DUKE)** - (August 25, 1923 - October 6, 2007) -- Johnnie "Duke" Oxford was born on August 25, 1923 to Dock and Annie Mae Oxford in Parrot, Georgia. He departed this life on October 6, 2007 in Brooklyn, New York. He lived in Brooklyn, New York for approximately sixty years. He attended Helen Gull High School in Parrot, Georgia. He married Wavie Oxford in 1945 and to this union three children were born: Betty, Shirley and Carol. He was employed by the Longshoremen of Red Hook for forty years. He retired in 1992. He was a member of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his half-sister, Essie Bell Blackshear of New York; his daughters, Betty Oxford of New York, Shirley Monroe of New Jersey, Carol Oxford-Yard of Florida, Paris McMillan of New York, Shaquana McMillian of New York and Samatha Oxford of New York; his son, John L. Oxford of New York; grandchildren, Daryl Lewis, Oliver Yard II,



Johnny Watson, Alien Monrose, Terelle White, Kiana Jackson, Kayla Cordon and Jahmeek Oxford; and great-grandchildren, Janai Yard, Elijah Watson and Darlyn Lewis.

**OXFORD, MARTHA FAY** --(February 12, 1917 - March 12, 1998) -- Martha Oxford, 81, 92 West Euclid Street, Hartford, CT died peacefully Thursday, March 12, 1998 at Kimberly Hall Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center, Windsor, CT.

Martha Oxford was the eighth of nine children born to Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford. She joined Macedonia Baptist Church, Parrott, GA at an early age. She married Willie Whaley and the couple farmed for a while in Parrott. They had no children. Martha later moved to Orlando, Florida. When her aging parents became ill she moved back to Parrott to care for them. She lived with them until they died. After their deaths, she moved to Hartford, where she worked at Hartford Hospital until her retirement. She was a faithful member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church for many years.

She is survived by twenty nieces and nephews and a host of grand-and great-grand nieces and nephews. Her local relatives include; nephews L'Overture Carter (Hartford), Robert Carter (Bloomfield CT) and nieces Thelma Walton and Jessie Mae Iverson (Hartford) and Winifred Carter (Tariffville CT), and a devoted Friend, Tina MacDonald (Windsor CT).

The funeral services were held on Saturday March 21, at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, (Hartford). The Rev. Wayne A. Carter officiated.

During the services, the family expressed special appreciation to Tina MacDonald for the kindness and concern she showed in caring for Aunt Martha during the final stages of her life. In addition, L'Overture Carter, Winifred Carter, and Robert Carter looked after Aunt Martha's needs until the end. The home going services and family dinner (arranged by L'Overture Carter), was more like a family reunion. Aunt Martha would have wanted it that way.

### **A Family Tribute To Aunt Martha**

Aunt Martha was the last living offspring of Mance and Sarah Ann Oxford. She was the oldest direct link to our common roots. Her presence reminded us of who we were and of how far we've traveled as a family. She exuded many of the values that form the bedrock of our family heritage--values that have taken our family from southwest Georgia to the far corners of this nation and beyond, and to all of the levels of the ladder of success.

Aunt Martha was a simple person. She was honest, generous, hard-working, God-fearing, plain-spoken, and unpretentious. She was not one to use insincere flattery to gain a personal advantage. At heart, she remained a simple country girl all of her life.

She never had children of her own, but she was a surrogate mother to all of the nieces and nephews who knew her. Her family was very special to her. One of her favorite activities was sharing old family stories and recollections with her many nieces and nephews. She could recall vivid details of events that we had only heard about. In many respects, she was the family griot who provided first hand accounts of what life was like for a black family in southwest Georgia in the first-half of the 20th century.

During her lifetime, Aunt Martha experienced **more** than her share of hard knocks and disappointments. But she refused to allow her set-backs to keep her down. She always persevered and bounced back to exude the outgoing nature, and the exuberance for life that helped to define her personality. Aunt Martha had grit! She was a survivor, and she was free!

Life is not always fair, but our challenge is to accept the hand that fate deals to each of us and do the best that we can with it. Aunt Martha's life of 81 years was a testament to that quest.

**OXFORD, OTIS (March 7, 1908 - March 26, 1983)** -- Otis Oxford was the son of the late Mance Oxford and Sarah Ann Shepherd Oxford. He was born in Terrell County Georgia and was a longtime resident of Orlando, Florida. He was a member of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church where he was president of Usher Board #1 for ten years. His funeral service was held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1983 at the Zion Hill Church, Rev. A.V. Ward officiated. Also participating was Rev. J.F. Hargrett, Rev. J. Ivory, Rev. A. Torrance, Rev. C.W. Wade, Mrs. Sarah Lynn, and Mrs. Eulela Pierson. The Deacons of Zion Hill were honorary pallbearers. Mitchell's Funeral Home had charge of the body and interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Oxford's survivors included a loving wife, Mrs. Rosetta H. Oxford; sons, Lorenzo L, Lester L. (wife Susan), Ernest A. (wife Barbara) all of Orlando, FLA; daughter, Mrs. RoseMary (husband Rev. Harry Rucker) of Orlando; sisters, Mrs. Nannie M. Telfair, Atlanta GA, Mrs. Arie D. Jackson (husband Johnny), Orlando, Miss Martha Oxford, Hartford CT; sister-in-law Mrs. Lucy Oxford, Philadelphia PA; brother-in-law Mr. Jesse Hill (wife Matherlen), Mr. Lester Hill (wife Florence) all of Orlando, Mr. Clyde Hill (wife Sarah) Kissimmee; six grandchildren, Wesley, Elgin, Sonya, Terri, Angela, Gail; and adopted granddaughter Andrea; a foster sister Mrs. Elizabeth Cheers of Miami; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

**OXFORD, ROSEBUD (June 9, 1925-September 2, 1995)**--Mrs. Rosebud Oxford, 70, wife of the late Mr. Adell Oxford, of 31 Vineland Terrace, Hartford, Connecticut was called to rest by our Heavenly Father from her earthly labors on September 2, 1995 at St. Francis Hospital. She was born in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Mr. & Mrs. Robinson. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by three sons, Curtis, Jerome Benjamin, and Anthony Oxford. She leaves to cherish her memories, two sons, Charles

and Conell Benjamin, both of Hartford, Connecticut, three daughters, Sandra Parks and Brenda Hemingway, both of Hartford, Connecticut and Katrina Woodall of Montgomery, Alabama, one son-in-law, George Hemingway, a god-daughter, Sheryl Ruff, 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Clark & Bell Funeral Service was in charge of the funeral arrangements. Her remains were interred in Northwood Cemetery, Wilson, CT.

**OXFORD, VELMA (1911-1979)** -- Mr. Velma Oxford who departed this life on Tuesday, March 13, 1979 at Mt. Sinai Hospital, was born in Parrott, Georgia, July 5, 1911. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Mance Oxford. Being raised in a Christian home, he confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized into the church.

In his young years he went to Orlando, Florida to live, worshipping in the Shiloh Baptist Church. He came to Hartford, Conn. in 1943 and connected with the Hopewell Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Rev. D.S. Craig, 'Pastor. At the founding of Mr. Moriah, he became a member of this church, and was a faithful member until his death.

He is survived by three sisters; Mrs. Martha Oxford Penn of Hartford, Mrs. Nannie Telfair of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Arie Jackson of Orlando, Florida; two brothers: Otis Oxford, Orlando, Florida and Dock Oxford, Dawson, Georgia; one aunt, Ophelia Garmond Smith, Jacksonville, Florida, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, sorrowing friends and many brothers and sisters in Christ.

His services were held in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Hartford, Connecticut. His remains were interred in Northwood Cemetery, Wilson, Conn.

**POPE, NADINE GOODMAN** -- On September 12, 1932 in Douglas, Coffee County, Georgia, Nadine Goodman Pope was born to the late Aggie (Sr.) and Truly Shepherd Goodman. They received her joyously, the third child (of twelve) of this union. This beautiful life ended on May 12, 2002 at 8:55 P.M. Three of her siblings preceded her in death.

Committed to love and family, dedicated to Christ and bound to Holy Matrimony, her life was full. Her formative years in all that she did attest to this. She brought to her family. "Miss Nadine" was known for her kindness and love which she shared with so many people. "Miss Nadine" attended Springhill Elementary School in the Sunnyside community. She went on and completed her education at Carver High School in Douglas. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Douglas, GA. Nadine Goodman was united in Holy Matrimony to Fisher Pope on October 27, 1950. To this union five children were born. The warm and caring spirit of Nadine Goodman Pope will linger in the hearts of all her family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a devoted and loving husband: Fisher "Bill" Pope; five children Clydene Jordan (Wilbur), Glen "Joe" Pope (Sarah), Lavouns "Mart" Moffett, all of Douglas GA, and Waunel Pope of Albany GA., and Terrence

“Tic” Pope (P;am) of Douglas GA.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, all of Douglas; five sisters; Louise Graves of Rockledge, FL, Juanita Darby (John), Lurlyn Williams, Jurell Brockington (Wendell), Shirley Jordan, all of Douglas; three brothers, Aggie Goodman II (Georgia) of Milwaukee, Wis., Raymond Goodman of Douglas, Johnny “Billy” Goodman (Carolyn) of Detroit, Mich.; four aunts; one great aunt; three sisters-in-law; Louise Glover (Theophilus) of West Palm Beach, FL., Mary Lamar of Upper Malboro, MD., Lorene Maultrie (William) of Ft. Valley GA; three brothers-in-law; Cromwell Pope of New Mexico, James Pearlie Pope II (Doris), Henry Pope (Lois), all of Douglas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and endearing friends

**POWELL, REDESSA OXFORD ( Sept.1, 1926 - Feb. 5, 1993)** -- We have received notice that Mrs. Redessa Oxford Powell died on February 5, 1993. Mrs. Powell was born on September 1, 1926 in Terrell County, Georgia, and was the daughter of the late Otis Oxford. She had been ill for some time and at the time of death she was a patient at Dawson Manor Nursing Home.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. Henry B. Powell (Dawson, GA), twelve children, Henry Lee, Johnny, Bernice, Richard, Alice, Eldora, Willie, Gladys, Shirley, Glenn, Robert, and Gregory Powell; twenty grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.