



Mr. 'Daddy George' Rackley

December 22, 1922 - April 5, 2011

George Rackley was born December 22, 1922 in Butler, Alabama. His parents were the late Dan and Lucy Rackley. George was one of seven children blessed to this union, all of whom have preceded him in death.

George received primary education at Lisman Jr. High School in Butler. His pursuit of education was a limited experience but because of his will and determination to fulfill his purpose in life, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served honorably from 1941-1945. During his tour at home and abroad, he was awarded several Medals for his distinguished service.

After George was discharged, he moved to St. Louis, MO where he met the late Arsenia Townsel. They were joined in holy matrimony in 1947 and remained married for over 50 years. To this union, fourteen children were born. He was preceded in death by two loving daughters, Lucy Bible & Pearl James; as well as two sons-in-law, Joseph Bullock & Ricky Bible.

George developed an undying passion to become a skilled Master Carpenter. While a laborer, he took courses and followed the lead of many veterans in the industry.

He later took courses at Ranken Institute to better his career. On July 6, 1961, George was sworn into the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and remained an active member in St. Louis District's Local 5 for almost fifty years. Some

notable building projects included the Gateway Arch, Cardinal's Baseball Stadium, Planetarium, Science Center and many more.

On March 22, 1964 George was baptized at the Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church where he served actively and diligently until his health began to fail him. In addition to his support of the Church's Boy Scout program, he was a loyal and devoted Senior Usher. He also served as the Usher Board's Chief Usher for several years.

George was a very heartfelt man. Also known to be quite firm and stern-he was always fair. And more than anything he enjoyed supporting his wife in her endeavors with their children and the members of the Church Usher family.

George's journey sadly ended at his longtime residence on April 5, 2011 after an extensive period of illness.

He leaves to carry on, ten children; Shirley Ann Burnett (Arthur, Sr.), Barbara Ann, Maurice Leon, Everlena Marie Robertson (Chester), Birdia Mae Bullock, George Wilburn (Cynthia), Clifton Barron (Queen), Carl Milton, Alice Renee, and DaRon Ezell (Evangelone). Forty-four grandchildren, sixty-four great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren, two sons-in-law, three daughters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, long-time friends, neighbors, & past co-workers.

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“ *"A FATHER'S LOVE CAN BE SO DEEP AND QUIET - ONLY THE HEART CAN HEAR IT."*

Daddy George, we knew that sometimes it was hard for you to speak what was in your heart...but really, words weren't always needed.

The way you lived and the special things you always did speak for you.

Your quiet love had always been something for us to build on, something we could be sure of...

And we just wanted you to know how lucky we felt to have had you for our dad.

Maurice Leon Rackley - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ *You will never leave me. And you will always stay in my heart !!!*

Demetrius Keen - March 29, 2013 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Can't believe it's been a year & a day! I miss the days...but the loving, wonderful memories make it that much more okay than just knowing that the time will never be spent together in one another's presence anymore. Seeing in the flesh is nonexistent, but in my heart is a different story:)*

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