



Edgar Jackson

October 11, 2007

Dr. Edgar Elliott Jackson, 82, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 11, 2007, surrounded by his loving family. Born March 6, 1925, in Toledo, Ohio, he was the fifth child of Rev. Daniel L. Jackson, founder and pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Toledo and Edna (VanPatter) Jackson of Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, whom he met while pastoring First Baptist Church in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Edgar's love for learning was evident early in his life. After graduating from Woodward High School, Toledo, OH in 1941. His pursuit of knowledge, wisdom and understanding led him down the following academic paths... University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI '49, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, TN '53-'56, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH '62, Pettichinko School of Salesmanship, Detroit, MI '64-'65, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN (Th.B.) '73-'74, Emmanuel Bible College, Nashville, TN (M.Div.) '74-'75 Bethel Theological Seminary, Nashville, TN (Th.D.) '75-'76

As a young man, Edgar became a U.S. Merchant Marine in World War II, Edgar and served his country proudly. Edgar was self-employed as a cement mason and brick-layer throughout his life. Edgar accepted God's call to the ministry and was licensed and ordained to preach the gospel in 1949. Over the course of nearly 60 years of ministry, Dr. Jackson pastored churches in

Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

Edgar met the love of his life, Carrie (Jones) Jackson and were married on March 30, 1956. Raising five children together with wife, Carrie, Edgar enjoyed a full-life, of extensive travel and community activism. During the 1960's and 1970's he was very active in the civil rights movement, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and P.U.S.H./Operation Breadbasket founded by his friend and colleague, Martin Luther King, Jr.

The couple resided in Toledo until 1967 when Dr. Jackson moved to pastor Second Baptist Church, Anderson, IN. The family lived there until 1978. When the family moved from Anderson, IN back to Toledo they joined Third Baptist Church, who supported Rev. Jackson during his time at the University of Toledo. Edgar loved his family and was committed to establishing the next generation of leaders.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel L. Jackson and Edna M. (VanPatter) Jackson, brothers; John, Charles and sister Marion.

Among those who have been enriched by his life and generosity, are his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Carrie (Jones) Jackson, children; Marilyn (Jackson) Labiche, Marcia (Lance) Culp, Elliot Wayne Jackson, Deborah (Larry) Jordan, Stephanie (Marcus) Knight, all of Toledo; grandchildren, Sylvia Jackson, Christopher (Rolanda) Labiche, L'Shaun, Merc, Culp, Curtis Knight, Lorne Jordan, Melyssa Knight, Monika Culp, Anthony Knight, Marisa Culp, Landyn Jordan, Leirah Jordan and Brooklynne Knight; great-grandchildren, Chris and Jayden Labiche; brothers, John (deceased), Charles (deceased), Daniel of Atlanta, GA, Robert of Milwaukee, WI, and sisters, Marie Weathers of Southfield, MI, Marjorie Davis of Milwaukee, WI, Dorothy Farmer of Toledo and Marion Jackson (deceased). A host of cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 17 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home. Wake Service will be Thursday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Third Baptist Church, Pinewood and Division Streets. The Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon.

The Family of Dr. Edgar E. Jackson wishes to express their sincere thanks to the entire staff at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Lake Park Nursing Facility of Sylvania, OH, Central Dialysis. Southern Baptist Convention, Greater Unity Baptist Church, St. Mark's Baptist Church, Cornerstone Church, St. Paul AME Zion Church and Third Baptist Church and to the countless friends and associates. Interment Forest Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio. www.dalefh.com