



Matthew Walton

March 25, 2007

Matthew Walton, age 84, of Toledo, OH was called home on Sunday, March 25, 2007. Brother Walton was born a sharecropper in Wintersville, Mississippi on October 26, 1922 to Wallace and Livie Walton. In 1941, Matthew was called to serve in the United States Army during World War II. He served his country for four years in places such as Paris, Germany and Belgium. In 1947, Matthew settled in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Walton joined Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He found his greatest pleasure in "God's Work." Here he felt that he would be able to help, education, serve, and encourage people to stay close to God.

Matthew served terms as President of the Usher Board, Chairman of the Trustee Board and Superintendent of the Sunday school. He was also the President of the Doyle National Family Reunion for over 30 years. Matthew worked as a dye grinder for the Textile Leather Company for 32 years before retiring. However, he was a master wood craftsman. In fact, he built the pulpit for the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. In 1948, Matthew married the late Henrine Collier and had his oldest son the late Reginald Walton. Later, he married Ruth Sasser Thomas were joined in Holy Matrimony in 1962. They parented three boys, the late Henry, Anthony and Eric. They remained together until the very end.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Ruth; his two sons, Anthony and

Eric along with grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Visitation will Friday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel. Wake services will be Saturday 11:00 a.m. followed by a memorial celebration service honoring the life of Matthew 12:00 noon Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor J.L. Spears officiate, interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. www.dalefh.com