



Robert Wormely

March 23, 2010

Pastor R.P. Wormely
Affectionately Known As
“Gramps and Ga-Ga”
1933-2010

Pastor Robert P. Wormely Sr., 76, passed away peacefully in his home, Tuesday March 23, 2010. He was born November 24, 1933 in Brown, AL to the union of Nelson and Classie Wormely who preceded him in death as well as his brothers D.L. Smith, Orange Wormely, and sisters Elgie Harve and Willie Mae Clark.

In 1951, he caught a bus to Toledo, OH with 50 cents, a hand full of peanuts and not very many clothes, just enough to fit inside a match box. Two years later he joined the Army and served his country until 1955 when he was honorably discharged. He returned to Toledo, finding employment at Martin Box Factory, Construction at Arlands Shopping Center, Lucas Steel, Sears & Roebuck and L.O.F. where he worked 26 years retiring in 1992.

He married Edna Nolen Wormely, his life partner, for 54 wonderful years. He loved and respected her and they were seldom apart. They shared many things and their mutual devotion to each other, was well known. They raised four children and later the family grew to include seven grandchildren and six

great grandchildren.

December of 1983, he was called to pastor Southern Missionary Baptist Church, where he remained until his passing. The church accomplished many things with his strong and steady leadership. In 1984 the church purchased land and broke ground for expansion. In 1985, the new home of Southern Missionary Baptist was completed with an expansion of the church during 1990 and 1991. They burned the mortgage in 1999 and the completion of the Multi-Purpose Complex took place in 2001 with the cornerstone erected in 2002. The complex was later named Robert P. Wormely Multi-Purpose Complex. In the coming years, he ordained even and licensed four new ministers. Most recently with a 2008 Resolution from City Council of The City of Toledo, True Street was renamed Robert P. Wormely Way.

Pastor Wormely led by example. He never asked more of you than he would do. He had a special way of connecting with people, in a personal way. Over the years, he shared his wisdom, support and friendship to all who needed him. He also guided you back to the proper course if or when you strayed away. The strength of his character, his devotion to wife and family, his love of God and commitment to his church will always be admired and remembered.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Edna R. (Nolen) Wormely, sons Alonzo (Flonita), Robert Jr. of California, daughters Yolanda (Ronald) Peterson and Felicia Y. (Timothy) Pettaway, grandchildren; Morgannia (Marcus) Dawson, Ronnell, Markiesha, Alonzo Jr., Shalonda, Alicia and Rashawn, great grand Children, Ronnell II, Montrell, Malikh, Kailah, Brayden and Kamille. Brothers; Nelson Wormely of California, Jessie (Janie) Feggins and Walter (Dorothy) Readus, both of Alabama, Sisters; Johnnie Feggins of Toledo, Oscie Coleman and Betty Covington both of Alabama, Aunts; Bessie (James) Taylor, Osie Snipes of Toledo, Ocola (Willie) Johnson of Cleveland, OH, the Southern Missionary Baptist Church Family, along with many

nephews, nieces, cousins and friends