

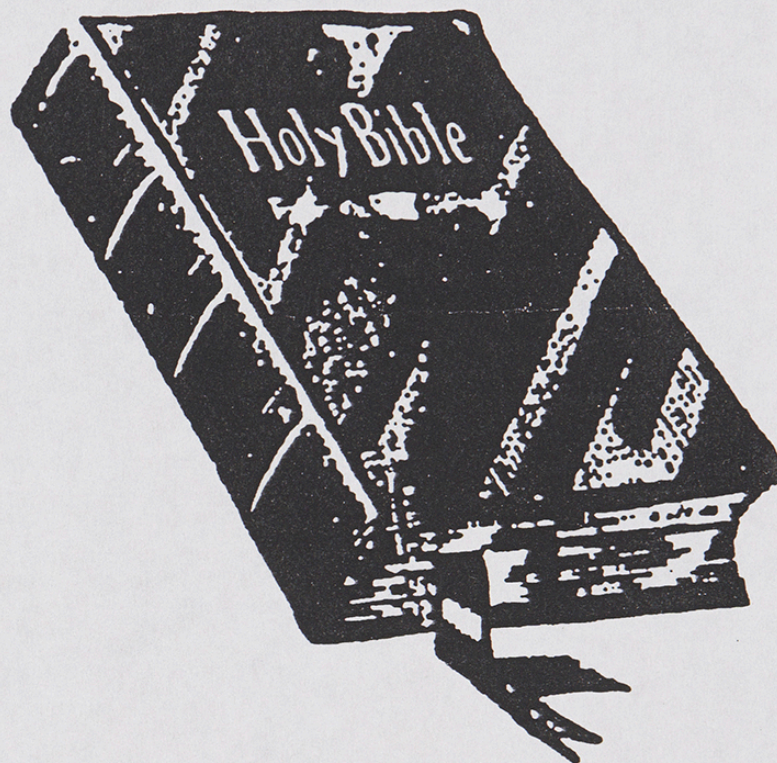
*A Dedication of Love  
to  
My Grandfather*

*Grandfather Knew*

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memories, tears I often cry. Knowing if love  
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s gone before I knew it—And only God  
why! My memories are far from few. It  
time to rest—And Grandfather knew!*

*Sheree Nakia Ross*

*The Homegoing Celebration  
Of Our Beloved  
CHARLIE BESSENT, SR.*



Saturday May 10, 2003  
10:30 AM

Church of God by Faith  
Gainesville, Florida

Bishop James E. McKnight Sr., Pastor/Eulogist

*Arrangements Entrusted To  
Duncan Brothers' Funeral Home  
Gainesville, Florida*



### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Deacon George Brown  
Deacon Redelle Hutchinson  
Deacon C. W. Phillips  
Deacon Will Harrington

### *Active Pallbearers*

Dezall Bessent	London Bessent
Oliver Ross	Marvin Pope
Harlie Bessent, Jr.	Burnell Thomas

### *A Dedication of Love to My Grandfather*

### *Ushers*

Church of God by Faith

### *Flower Attendants*

Choir & Ushers

### *Interment*

Forest Meadows Memorial Park-East  
Gainesville, Florida

### *Repast*

Church of God by Faith  
Fellowship Hall  
(Immediately following the Interment)

### *Note of Appreciation*

It is with grateful and loving hearts that we thank you, our Friends, who have been so kind to us in the form of prayers, words of encouragements, cards, visits, and all expressions of sympathy that have come to us during the illness and passing of our loved one.

May God bless each of you.

*The Family*

### *Grandfather Knew*

*My Grandfather was to me all that he could be—And for this I will love him forever and always. Grandfather has slipped so gently from time into eternity. If I could turn back the hands of time, that I would not do. The genuine love I had for him—my Grandfather knew. From my cradle to his grave, love unconditional to me he gave. Now with sweet memories, tears I often cry. Knowing if love alone could have saved him, he would have never had to die. I was there to see his last breath. Oh, how much it hurts. Grandfather had washed his hands and was done with this old earth. "Give me my pocket book—And crack me some nuts, Sheree"; Lord, that was just the other day. He bid no one a last farewell—No, not even a Goodbye—He was gone before I knew it—And only God knows why! My memories are far from few. It was his time to rest—And Grandfather knew!*

*Sheree Nakia Ross*



*Biographical Overview  
Of  
My Da-addy*

CHARLIE HENRY BESSANT, SR.

April 28, 1921— Edgar, Florida

The late London Bessent  
& Lillie DeBose Bessent

Putnam County School System  
Bethune-Cookman College

Army Veteran of World War II

t: Heavy Machinery Operator/Foreman

ite: "God Is Good"

Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
Edgar, Florida  
(served as an Usher under the leadership  
of Rev. Joseph Strickland)

Past Member/American Legion Post #230

May 5, 2003; 7:10am  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Gainesville, Florida

's strength, love, kindness and devotion has been  
n the hearts and minds of: a loving and devoted  
othy Tillman-Bessent of Gainesville, FL; 3 Daugh-  
ices Bessent-Dixon and Barbara Ross-Palmer of  
FL and Dorothy Rogers of Wauchula, FL; 5 Sons –  
ent of Huntsville, AL, London Bessent and Oliver  
nesville, FL, Charlie Bessent, Jr. of Hawthorne, FL  
White of Mississippi; Sisters – Emma Bessent and  
; of Edgar, FL and Naomi McBride of Fort Lauder-  
ncle—Roosevelt DeBose of Edgar, FL; Sister-In-  
a Bessent of Edgar, FL; Grands – 17; Great



*The Measure Of A Man*

*Not how did he die – But how did he live  
Not what did he gain – But what did he give  
These are the units to measure the worth  
of a man, as a man, regardless of birth  
Not what was his station – But had he a heart  
and how did he play his God-given part  
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer  
to bring back a smile to banish a tear  
Not what was his church – Nor what was his creed  
but had he befriended those really in need  
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say  
but how many were sorry when he passed away!*



## Charlie Henry Bessent Sr.

■ Charlie Henry "Pasty Grill" Bessent Sr. of Gainesville died Monday at Veterans Affairs Medical Center after an extended illness. He was 82.



Mr. Bessent

Mr. Bessent was born in Edgar and came here in the 1950s. He was a retired road construction machinist with Sam Walls Road Construction.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Tillman Bessent of Gainesville; daughters Frances Bessent-Dixon and Barbara Ross-Palmer, both of Gainesville, and Dorothy Rogers of Wauchula; sons Dezall Bessent of Huntsville, Ala., London Bessent and Oliver Ross, both of Gainesville, Charlie Bessent Jr. of Hawthorne, and Eugene White of Mississippi; sisters Emma Bessent and Ida Thomas, both of Edgar, and Naomi McBride of Fort Lauderdale; 16 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Duncan Brothers Funeral Home.

The Gainesville Sun, May 8, 2003