

*A Dedication of Love
to
My Grandfather*

Grandfather Knew

*Grandfather was to me all that he could
do for this I will love him forever and always.
Father has slipped so gently from time into
y. If I could turn back the hands of time,
would not do. The genuine love I had for
my Grandfather knew. From my cradle to his
love unconditional to me he gave. Now with
memories, tears I often cry. Knowing if love
could have saved him, he would have never
die. I was there to see his last breath. Oh,
much it hurts. Grandfather had washed his
and was done with this old earth. "Give me
pocket book—And crack me some nuts,
"; Lord, that was just the other day. He bid
a last farewell—No, not even a Goodbye—
is 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

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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 BESSENT, 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

Occupation: Heavy Machinery Operator/Foreman

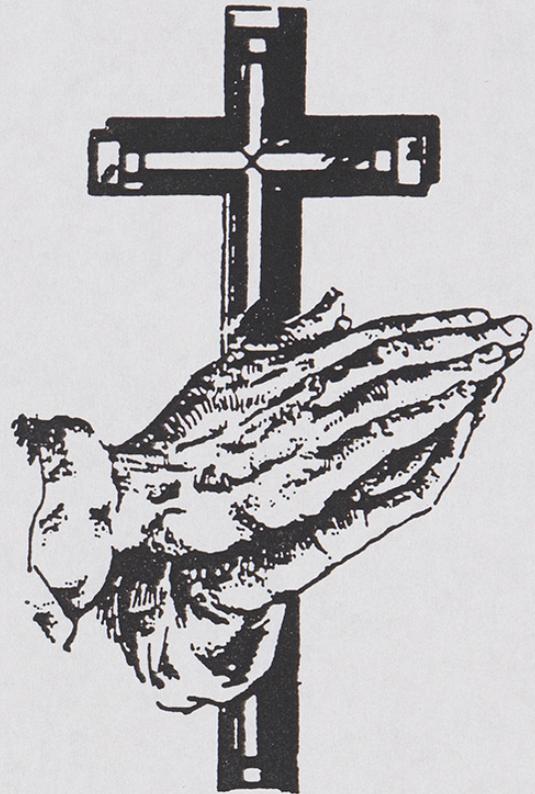
Favorite Song: "God Is Good"

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

His strength, love, kindness and devotion has been
in the hearts and minds of: a loving and devoted
mother, Dorothy Tillman-Bessent of Gainesville, FL; 3 Daughters
— Frances Bessent-Dixon and Barbara Ross-Palmer of
Edgar, FL and Dorothy Rogers of Wauchula, FL; 5 Sons —
Robert of Huntsville, AL, London Bessent and Oliver
of Jacksonville, FL, Charlie Bessent, Jr. of Hawthorne, FL,
James White of Mississippi; Sisters — Emma Bessent and
Mary of Edgar, FL and Naomi McBride of Fort Lauderdale—
Roosevelt DeBose of Edgar, FL; Sister-In-Law —
Lillian Bessent of Edgar, FL; Grandchildren — 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.

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