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Ministers of the Southeast Texas Conference

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Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.,
Lufkin and Nacogdoches Chapters

Friends of the Family

Interment

Nigton Memorial Park
Nigton, Texas

Services Entrusted To

Colonial Mortuary of Lufkin, Texas

1311 Keltys Street • Lufkin, Texas 75901
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Funeral Directors: Ozell Davis and Ronald Davis
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Christian Celebration of The Homegoing

The Reverend Jim Bob Mark

February 7, 1909

November 12, 1993



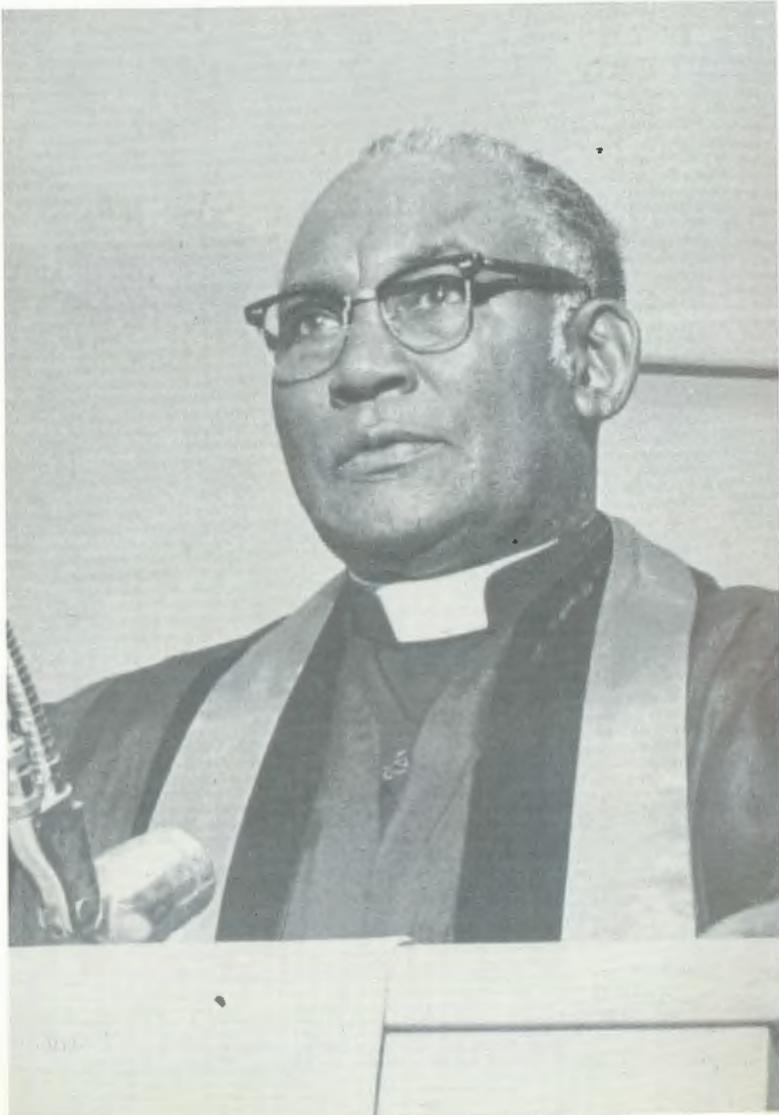
Wednesday, November 17, 1993
11:00 a.m.

LONG CHAPEL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
514 Lining
Lufkin, Texas

officiating
Reverend C. D. Coleman, Presiding Bishop, Eighth Episcopal District
Reverend Lymell Carter, Presiding Elder, Houston District
Reverend W. E. Lockett
Reverend Kenneth D. Cain, Pastor

In Loving Memory

Reverend Jim Bob Mark



Genus

Jim Bob Mark was the fourth of six children born to Jessie J. Mark and Lula Mark, February 7, 1909, in Nigton, Texas. The product of devout Methodist parents, Jim Bob received a rich religious, as well as educated foundation in Trinity County School in Nigton, Texas.

Education

Feeling a strong calling to serve humanity as an educator, Jim Bob graduated from Prairie View A & M College with a Master of Science Degree and Master of Arts. He received a Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1987.

He dedicated thirty-three years of service to education. Jim Bob began his illustrious teaching career in Woodville School District where he served three years. He retired from the Chester School District after serving thirty years. Jim Bob served as a Vocational Agriculture teacher, basketball coach, and as a history teacher.

Marriage and Family

Reverend Mark married Bernice Porter and she preceded him in death in 1975.

In 1980, Jim Bob married Annie B. Steed. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Annie B. Mark; daughters, Pansy Robinson, Beaumont, Texas, Ethel Williams, Humble, Texas, Jeanette Wilmore and husband Joe, Houston, Texas, Annie Steed-Douglas and husband Samuel, Missouri City, Texas; son, George Steed, Houston, Texas; Goddaughter, Gazette Bennett, Camden, Texas; six grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Pastorage

In 1959, he began his pastorage at Memorial Chapel, Lufkin, Texas. In 1964, he became minister and pastor at St. Paul C.M.E. Church in Orange, Texas. In 1973, he pastored St. Paul C.M.E. Church in Nacogdoches, Texas, for fourteen years. In 1989, he returned to Memorial Chapel and pastored two more years. After retiring, he accepted the assignment at Perry Chapel C.M.E. Church after the death of Rev. J. N. Hanks. This conference year he accepted Perry Chapel after the death of Rev. Bradford. He also served as an acting presiding elder in the Beaumont District. His motto was "I am retired pastor but not a retired minister."

Accomplishments

Each Church that he served experienced tremendous growth numerically and spiritually. St. Paul C.M.E. Church in Orange, Texas, was built under his leadership. St. Paul C.M.E. Church in Nacogdoches' mortgage was burned in 1975. Monies were raised and plans were implemented to build a parsonage before leaving St. Paul. Debts were paid, Churches were repaired, rededicated, and necessary improvements were made under his leadership.

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Epitome: Life of Reverend Jim Bob Mark

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Order of Christian Celebration

Reverend Lynnell Carter, Presiding Elder

Special Tribute

Acknowledgement

Community Services and Awards

Reverend Mark served the communities well where he pastored, lived and visited. His community affairs were: Member of the NAACP, Board Member of MHMR Concept Care Committee, Board of Education Chester I.S.D., Community Action Club, Member of Lodge #552 and Member of Tyler County Retired Teachers Association.

Religious Affiliation

He served on the Board of Evangelism of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church from 1973 - 1989, Joint Board of Finance for Southeast Texas Annual Conference, Delegate to the General Conference for the last thirty-two years and was a member of the Ministerial Alliance.

I Needed the Quiet

*I needed the quiet so He drew me aside,
Into the shadows where we could confide.
Away from the bustle where all the day long,
I hurried and worried when active and strong.*

*I needed the quiet though at first I rebelled,
But gently, so gently my cross He upheld.
And whispering so sweetly of spiritual things,
Too weakened in body, my spirit took wings.
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay,
He loved me so greatly He drew me away.*

*I needed the quiet, no prison my bed,
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead -
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide,
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.*

Presiding: Reverent Lymell Carter

Organ Prelude

Processional

Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

Hymn "Pass Me Not"

Congregation

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Faith

Reverend Aaron Bundage

Musical Selection "Rock of Ages"

Mass Choir

Old Testament Scripture

Reverend G. W. Morris

Gloria Patri

New Testament Scripture

Reverend I. D. Brooks

Musical Selection "Close to Thee"

Mass Choir

Tributes

(two minutes, please)

Representative from Bishop C. D. Coleman

Southeast Conference

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

Membership

Maxine Smith, St. Paul C.M.E., Orange, Texas

Finis Simpson, St. Paul C.M.E., Nacogdoches, Texas

Phillips Jackson, Memorial Chapel C.M.E., Lufkin, Texas

Melvin Hicks, Perry Chapel C.M.E., Diboll, Texas

Choice Friend Lodge #552

Former Student

Florine Calloway, Denver, Colorado

Musical Selection

"Only What You Do For Christ Will Last" Mass Choir

Resolutions

Minnie Thompson, Perry Chapel C.M.E., Diboll

Acknowledgement and Obituary

(read silently, soft music)

Solo "The Name of Jesus"

Eulogy

Reverend W. E. Lockett

Pastor, Metropolitan C.M.E. Church, Houston, Texas

Glimpse Till Glory

Recessional

Family and Friends

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran -
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by -
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles not their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan -
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by -
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish - so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Sam Walter Foss

Special Tribute

We didn't want to give you up.
We'll miss that smile on your face,
But comforted are we by this thought:
In Heaven you will take your place.

We didn't want to give you up.
Your passing though doth make us sad.
But still we're consoled with this thought:
In Heaven you will be glad.

We didn't want to give you up.
Yet we know you are gone to rest.
So comforted are we by this thought:
To be in Heaven is best.

Acknowledgement

Because you cared, you came to share
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer.
Because you cared enough to do,
Words of comfort and cards came, too.
Because you cared we were not alone,
Calls and visits reached hospital and home.
Because you cared, we're grateful indeed.
You've been a comfort and friend in need.
Because you cared, we're praying, too,
For God's richest blessing for each of you.

The Family