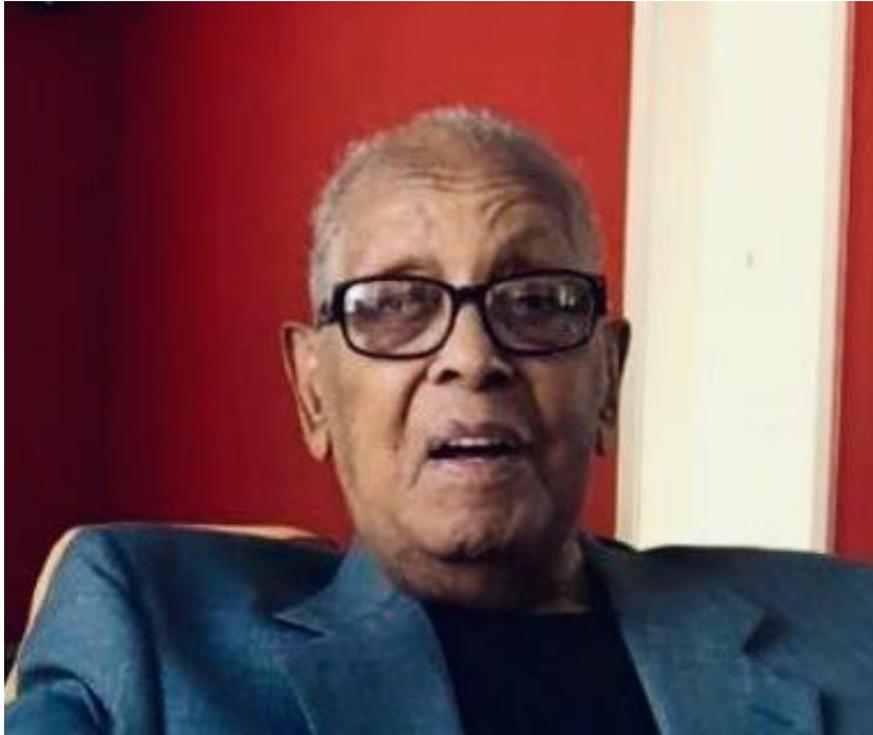


Celebrating the Life  
of  
Mr. Ira Lee Roberts



Sunrise  
February 10, 1920

Sunset  
July 1, 2023

Monday, July 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Cade Chapel M.B. Church

1000 W. Ridgeway Street

Jackson, MS 39213

Pastor Reginald Buckley, Senior Pastor

Dr. Horace Buckley, Pastor Emeritus

## Obituary

On February 10, 1920, Ira Lee Roberts was the second of eight children born to Arthur and Mary Lou Roberts in Rose Hill, MS located in rural Jasper County.

At an early age, Ira Lee joined Tioch MB church and attended the small one room schoolhouse at the church. Later, he attended Jasper County Agricultural High School. Although he never graduated from high school, Ira Lee had an uncanny ability for working with numbers and solving any type of mathematical problems. He could calculate his daily interest on his bank account without the use of a calculator, pencil, or paper and would call the bank if they were one cent off.

In late 1945, Ira Lee returned from a tour of duty serving in the United States Army, in Europe, during World War II. While he was still in the army, his mother had been keeping her eye on Addie Chapman and advised Ira Lee upon return that Addie would be a prime marital candidate. After a short courtship, Ira Lee and Addie became husband and wife on March 30, 1946. A few weeks later, Ira Lee and Addie relocated to Jackson, MS and later became the proud parents of Jackye and Eddie.

A few days after moving to Jackson, Ira Lee began walking up and down Farish Street looking for a job. He walked into Cable's Electric Company and asked if they were hiring. They hired him on the spot, and he remained an employee of Cable's for 42 years until the company closed. During his 42 years on the job, he worked his way up from a humble laborer to become the manager of the entire warehouse. He was proud of the fact that despite his humble beginnings with the company, he rose through the ranks and had keys to every lock and was entrusted with the combination to every safe.

After working all day at Cable's, Ira Lee would come home, eat dinner, and then work two janitorial jobs daily in order to provide for his family.

After retirement, Ira Lee worked part time for the Hinds County Senior Citizen Division as a delivery person for meals on wheels. Thereafter, he was the director for the Senior Citizen Center on Northside Drive for a number of years.

In the early 50s, the family united with Cade Chapel M.B. Church. Mr. Roberts was such a dedicated member of Cade Chapel that he was there every Sunday. He served on the finance committee and later was a member of the trustee board.

Ira Lee and Addie were an inseparable couple. Where you saw one, you saw the other. Many people may remember them as the tag team motorized scooter drivers in Kroger, Walmart, and Sam's Club.

Father Time and Mother Nature curtailed his activities and halted his attendance at church but could not derail his love of God. Up until the age of 103, Mr. Roberts was able to live a semi-independent lifestyle while performing many duties for himself. In March 2023, he suffered from a fall from which he never recovered. On Saturday, July 1, 2023, Mr. Roberts laid down his cross to get his crown. He was preceded in death by his parents, his bride of 69 years, Addie Roberts, and six siblings: Hardy, Antha, Arthur, Jr., Ruth, John, and Tommy Lee. His beloved son, Eddie, passed away in 2011, and his eldest grandson, Markus Savage in 2009.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his devoted daughter, Jackye and her husband Anthony Terrance of Raymond, Mississippi, his brother Charles Roberts, Sr. and a sister in law, Lula Roberts, both of Rose Hill, MS. He leaves six grandchildren: Veronica Savage, Rusty and Zeba Savage, Kasseim and Nancy Savage, Damien and Delicia Roberts, Rahmaan "Rocky" Savage, and Kyna and Noval Mayes. Mr. Roberts was the proud great grandfather of twelve and a great-great grandfather of two.

He will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ira Lee Roberts was a kind, quiet, and gentle person who was an example for younger men of what it means to be a real man, husband, and father.

# Reflections



## Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Family Processional

Scripture Readings

Reverend Melvin Chapman

### Old and New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Revered Shirley Harrington

Selection

Orbra Harrington Porter

Reflections

Dr. Gloria Roberts

Acknowledgements

Arnold "Rusty" Savage

Selection

Dr. Delicia Roberts

Eulogy

Pastor Reginald Buckley

Benediction

Family Recessional

Pallbearers

Rusty Savage

Kasseim Savage

Damien Roberts, Sr.

Rocky Savage

Brian Chapman

Joey Kennedy

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Cousins

Interment

Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery

759 U. S. 51 Highway

Madison, Mississippi 39110

Repast

Cade Chapel M.B. Church Fellowship Hall

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Your deeds and actions have buoyed us and aided us in navigating these troubled waters.