



## Rev. Herschel L. Bragg, Sr.

April 16, 1932 - July 14, 2013

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Having “served his generation well”, Rev. Herschel Lassiter Bragg, Sr., age 81, of Ellisville, Mississippi, went to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Hwy 29 N, Ellisville, with interment following at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Rev. Bragg was born on April 16, 1932 to the late John L. and Chloe Edna Bragg of Hildebran, NC. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; brother, Arthur Bragg; sister, Elizabeth Bragg Smith; and brother, John L. Bragg, Jr.

Rev. Bragg served in the U.S. Navy as a Ship Serviceman, 3rd Class, during the Korean War. Following his term in the Navy, Rev. Bragg attended Tennessee Temple Bible College in Chattanooga, TN, graduating in 1959 with a ThG Degree. An Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree was bestowed upon Rev. Bragg in 1983 by Florida Bible College in Kissimmee, FL. He was recently recognized by BEAMS (Bible Education and Missionary Service) for his Christian service.

Rev. Bragg accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at the young age of 11 and desired to serve the Lord through the pastorate. While attending Bible School, Rev. Bragg served as pastor of two chapels affiliated with

Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN. Following his graduation from Bible School, he pastored churches in Gallup, NM (1960-1964), Tupelo, MS (1964-1972) and at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS (1972-2000), where he remained as Pastor Emeritus.

From 2000 until his death, Rev. Bragg continued preaching by serving churches in need of an interim pastor as well as “filling the pulpit” during a pastor’s absence and speaking in revivals and missions conferences. He participated in several missions trips to the U.S. Virgin Islands, Honduras and Peru and looked forward to Vision Ministry’s monthly prison services at Rankin County Prison (MS). Rev. Bragg’s greatest desire in life was to serve his Savior first and foremost and to be a godly example before his family, friends and those whom he met. He was never ashamed to talk about the Lord and faithfully looked forward to every preaching opportunity that came his way. Rev. Bragg was employed with McLaurin Carpets, Inc. of Soso, MS. at the time of his death.

Rev Bragg is survived by his wife, Patricia Faye Dycus Bragg of Ellisville; daughter, Ruth Compton (Schuyler) of Ellisville; son, Herschel L. Bragg, Jr. (Jennifer) of Ellisville; 3 grandchildren, Denver Compton (Colby) of Rustburg, VA; Austin Compton of Ellisville, and Ahnna Beth Bragg of Ellisville; great-granddaughter, Bryn Compton of Rustburg, VA; sister, Amy Wallace (Wayne) of Hildebran, NC; brother, David Bragg (Nancy) of Chattanooga, TN.

Pallbearers will be Harold Iosty, David McLaurin, Raymond McLaurin, Jimmy Parker, Ken Rustin and Benny Stringer. The deacons, trustees and men of the Adult I Sunday School Class will serve as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to BEAMS, PO Box 10200, Gulfport, MS 39505 / 228.832.1096 for the purchase of Bibles to be supplied to missionaries.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Praising God for the joyous blessing of having Herschel Bragg for our brother-in-law, friend, and true and faithful brother in Christ. We loved and appreciated him for 57 years and cherish his memory until we see him again where Eternity never ends with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
We are praying for you, Sis, and all the family with much love.

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**Richard & Raye Horn** - August 03, 2013 at 04:20 PM

AA

“ My heart is with u all : Praying for Gods grace to be with u; Love and Prayers, Arthur mac Abernathy

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**Arthur Mac Abernathy** - July 17, 2013 at 04:25 PM

AJ

“ Many people came to know Christ as Lord and Savior because of Bro. Bragg's faithfulness to the Word and preaching the truth of the Bible. I am very blessed in my younger life to be one of those people. He leaves a great legacy and I can only imagine all the treasures that he has stored up in Heaven.

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**Aubrey Lee Cooper, Jr** - July 16, 2013 at 10:25 PM

MN

“ Praying for comfort and sending much love to you all at this difficult time. It was a joy to know Bro Bragg. He made an everlasting impression on our hearts. We smile as we can only imagine how he must of felt when he saw his Savior. With Love... Mike and Donna Neighbors

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**Mike & Donna Neighbors** - July 16, 2013 at 08:02 PM

LP

“ Love Bro. Bragg and entire family.

Latrice powell - July 16, 2013 at 07:25 PM

LK

“ Ruth and family, We were sorry to hear about your father's homegoing but rejoice He is now with the Lord he so faithfully served for so many years. May our Heavenly Father continue to cover you with His strength and peace. Praying for your family.

Linda and David Kennedy - July 16, 2013 at 07:11 PM

EM

“ It was a blessing to know him. I know that I will see him in heaven one day. What a great man of God.

Elizabeth Myrick - July 16, 2013 at 06:31 PM

MT

“ A well-written obituary for a great man of God... He surely did what he preached in that last sermon and what you mentioned herein... "served his generation well." May God continue to bless the entire Bragg family. Love you all!

Margie Thames - July 16, 2013 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ All at Skyland Baptist Church are so sorry for your loss. We pray God will wrap His loving arms around and give grace and peace.

Skyland Baptist Church - July 16, 2013 at 05:58 PM

JG

“ Rev. Herschel L. Bragg, Sr.

James Gray - July 16, 2013 at 03:23 PM

TB

“ We will be missing Uncle Herschel and praying for all of you.

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**Timothy Bragg** - July 16, 2013 at 01:52 PM

LP

“ You were Loved by all who knew you and You will be Greatly Missed!! Til we see you again in Heaven... Lester & Lesa Parish and family.

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**Lester & Lesa Parish** - July 16, 2013 at 11:49 AM

BH

“ Praying for all of you during this time.  
Love to all,  
Aunt Joyce, Brenda, and Barbara

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**Brenda, Joyce, and Barbara Hornaday** - July 15, 2013 at 10:01 PM

MJ

“ I was so sorry to hear about Brother Braggs passing away. I will always remember him and his church family coming to burger king after church on sunday night.

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**Melvin Scruggs, Jr** - July 15, 2013 at 03:37 PM

PR

“ Praying for the family. My Grandmother (Ida Spradley) and all our family thought so much of Bro. Bragg and his family.

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**Phyllis Jernigan Rozek** - July 15, 2013 at 02:19 PM