



Ozell Favors

September 19, 1920 - March 16, 2016

Ozell Favors was born on September 19, 1920, in Coleman, FL, to the late Judge and Bessie (Reed) Favors, Sr. He was the youngest of eight children, all of whom preceded him in death.

Before Ozell was old enough to start school or to work in the Coleman cabbage fields, his birth family migrated to Plant City, FL, thus reconnecting with other close family members. As a result, he completed his formal education in the Hillsborough County public school system. At an early age he also joined and was baptized at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church.

As a young man, Ozell followed the examples of his older brothers and likewise proudly served during WWII in the U.S. Army. After completion of his military service, he eventually settled down in Philadelphia, PA. Throughout that season of life, he was gainfully employed as a welder in the steel mill industry, until his retirement around 1985.

In 2009, Ozell relocated to Orlando, FL. Upon arrival, he was reunited with members of his family of origin, and so lived for the remainder of his days. As he had wanted, Ozell quietly departed this life on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, after a brief illness. His twinkling eyes, engaging smile, quick wit, hearty laughter, and colorful sense of humor will truly be missed.

Those left to cherish his memory include: special niece, Edith Mills of Orlando,

FL; wife, Zelma Darden Favors, daughter, Debra Favors James (predeceased), two grandchildren, Boo and Ebony James, and two stepsons, Sonny and Larry Ames, all of Cape Charles, VA; extended family members, all of Philadelphia, PA; also, four nieces, two nephews, and numerous other relatives and friends.