

James Sr. Patriarch

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Memorial Obituary



Entered Into Eternal Rest
Thursday, Dec. 17, 1970

James Emerson Dudley

In the year 1896 on February 24, a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dudley in Emerson, Arkansas whom they named James.

The family moved to Wybark, Oklahoma during Territory Days in 1907. James enlisted in Military Service in June 1918 during World War I, and served overseas duty in France. He received an honorable discharge in September 1919.

He united with Union Grove Baptist Church at an early age and remained there until death.

On February 24, 1921 he was married to Ida Mae Sanders and to this union 10 children were born, two of which preceded him in death.

Mr. Dudley has contributed to his community in many ways. His health began to fail for about two years but he seemed to be convalescing. He became critically ill and entered the V. A. Hospital in Muskogee, Okla. on November 20, 1970. He departed this life Thursday, Dec. 17, 1970 at 6:00 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida Mae Dudley of Kansas City, Missouri; two sons, Troy Lee Dudley, Kansas City, Mo. and Cecil Dudley of Jamacia, N. Y.; six daughters, Mrs. Dorothy M. Steward, Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Lucille Garrett, Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Dee Ora English, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Clara Aikens, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Aretha Forbes, Jamacia, N. Y., Mrs. Irene Young, Palo Alto, Calif.; 39 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Estaer Smith of Dallas, Texas an aunt, Mrs. Gussie Easter, Detroit, Mich.; cousin, Mrs. Carnetta Starnes of Muskogee; a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1970 at 1:00 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church, Wybark, Okla. with Rev. R. E. Walker officiating. Interment Ft. Gibson National Cemetery. Ragsdale Mortuary director.

Pallbearers will be Otto Bolton, Fletcher Wilson, Haywood McConnell, Hale Wilson, Lewis Billingsley and Ira Alexander.

Flower bearers will be Grace Bolton, Allie Mae Waters, Annie McConnell, Ola Watson, Magnolia Cowans and Teolia Williams.