Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

Eord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest
and most troublesome times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,

You would leave me."

He whispered, My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

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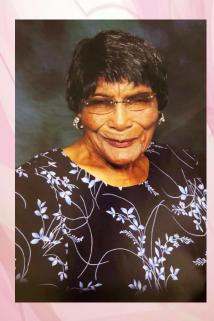


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Home Going Celebration for Willie Frances Gaines Craft

Sunrise May 6, 1918 Sunset **May 15, 2016**



Wednesday, May 18, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Sardis Baptist Church Hartwell, GA

Dr. Marcus D. Sturgeon, Pastor

Interment ~ Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery Hartwell, GA

OBITUARY

Willie Frances Gaines Craft was born May 6, 1918 to the late Henry Gaines and the late Frances Hunt Gaines. She departed her life on May 15, 2016.

She attended Flat Rock School in Hartwell, GA. Frances worked at Hart County Hospital until her retirement. Frances was a member of Sardis Missionary Board, Eastern Star and AARP. She was married to the late Cleo Craft, Sr.

Preceding her in death were her husband; brothers: Joe C. Gaines and Simon Gaines; children: Eugene Craft, Ben Craft and Herman Craft.

She leaves to cherish fond memories fourteen children: six girls: Eugenia (Joel) Gaines, Roxie (Donald) Sturgeon, Mary Sue Sturghill and Norma Rose Strange all of Hartwell, GA; Lola (JC) Gilliard of Anderson, SC and Bessie Harrell of Chicago, IL; eight sons: Howard Gaines, Horaceton (Barbara) Gaines, Carlton (Ophelia) Gaines, Aaron (Jean) Craft, Cleo Craft all of Hartwell, GA; Joe Bruce Craft, Starr, SC, Dannie (Laura) Craft, Chicago, IL and Donnie (Dorothy) Craft, Marietta, GA; daughter-in-law: Wilma Craft; sister-in-law: Annie R. Gaines; 58 grand-children, 173 great grandchildren, 92 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



A MOMENT OF THANKS

Thanks to the friends and family who helped us get through our loss with their heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Losing a loved one is never easy and thank God for family and friends who helped us through this difficult time. We appreciate all of who have shown your condolences.

The Family

Order of Service

Processional	Soft Music
Selection	. Sardis Baptist Church Choir
Scripture:	
Old Testament	Minister Susie Davis
New Testament	Pastor Roger Stephens
Prayer	Pastor Ronald Gantt
Selection	Mr. & Mrs. Sharon Craft
Poem	Carmiya Curry
Duet	Amos & Lola Simmons
Acknowledgement	Annie Ree Gaines
Selection	Mr. & Mrs. Sharon Craft
Eulogy	Dr. Marcus D. Sturgeon
Recessional	
Interment S	Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery

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Sardis Women Ministry

$FLOWER\ BEARERS \sim Grand daughters$

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