

### *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.*

*Lord, 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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## *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 grandchildren, 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 .....	"A Song For Mama"
Interment .....	Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery

### HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Sardis Women Ministry

#### FLOWER BEARERS ~ Granddaughters

Lisa Blackwell	Chatoya Hickman
LeeKira Gaines	C.J. Sapp
Theresa Gilliard	Adrian Gilliard

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