have fought a good fight, have finished my course, have kept the faith.

2nd Timothy 4:7

A Celebration of Life for Lamar Lenoir "Smokie"

Wednesday, May 20, 1998 1:00 p.m.



Saint James Missionary Baptist Church Officiating - Reverend Larry Jointer, Pastor 949 E. Monticello Street Brookhaven, Mississippi 39160

Obituary

Lamar Lenoir departed this life on May 14, 1998 at his residence, 234 Penn Street, Brookhaven, Mississippi. The second of two children, he was born on June 8, 1921 in Hinds county to the late Oscar Lenoir and Addie Markham. He completed high school (1940) at Alexander High, Brookhaven, Mississippi, where he was a football, basketball, and track star. Lamar attended college at Alcorn A&M College and later transferred to South Carolina State University where he received a Mechanical Arts Degree in 1944. He received a degree in Architectural Engineering from North Carolina State in 1951, and did further studies in engineering disciplines at University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Mississippi State University, Jackson State University, and Southern University.

Lamar confessed Christ at an early age, uniting with Saint James Missionary Baptist Church.. He was a devoted member of the church, community, and country. A veteran, he served with valor in the 5th Army of the United States Army from 1943 through 1945. He was united in marriage to Lyntine Culver in 1942 of which to this happy union was one son, Andre Lamar Lenoir. Lamar and Lyntine reaffirmed their vows in 1992, where their marriage had spanned fifty Years.

Lamar's professional accomplishments encompassed several vocations; vocational education, sports (as a football and basketball coach and referee), brick masonry and carpentry, professional bail bondsman and real estate. Among his most cherished memories and accomplishments was his return to the largest land-grant college in the nation, Alcorn A&M College, in 1969. Here, he began a career as Supervisor of Plant Maintenance (Building & Grounds), where he served loyally for over two decades as an integral part of Alcorn's growth from a land grant college to a university of national prominence and reputation.

Lamar was one of our community's most successful businessmen. He was an active and spirited member of the community throughout his life. He leaves behind a legacy of community service, devotion to God, country, family, and a spirit of life that will serve to inspire many well beyond his death.



Among his many community interests and organization affiliations were:

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
United Brotherhood of Masons
Habitat for Humanity
NAACP (Golden Heritage Club)
Concerned Citizens of Brookhaven (1988)
EURO 1996 (Hattiseburg School System)
Honorary Deputy Sheriff (Pike County)
Boy & Girls Club
100 Black Men (Life Member).

In his church (Saint James Missionary Baptist Church), he was a loyal servant, serving as Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, Usher Ministry, Board of Directors, Treasurer; and in general, any capacity asked of him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Archie Johnson. *He leaves to cherish his memories* his loving wife, Lyntine Lenoir; one son, Andre Lamar Lenoir; two grandchildren, Sasha Lenoir and Andre Lenoir of Greenville, MS; one sister-in-law, Marjorie Culver of Prentiss, MS; two brothers, Leander Wells and wife, Lucy, of Gary Indiana and Cleveland 'Tee' Wells and wife, Annie, of Gulfport, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

