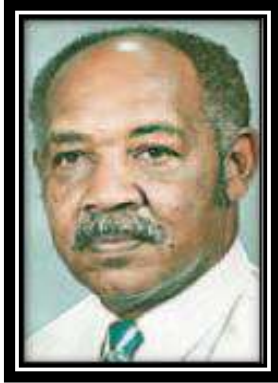


# CSM (Ret) Luther Birchfield Jr.

August 9, 1937 - July 10, 2009



Funeral for retired Command Sgt. Maj. Luther Birchfield Jr., 71, Lawton, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Greater Galilee Baptist Church, 1428 SW Jefferson Ave., with the Rev. James E. Thornton, pastor, and the Rev. Thad Hall officiating. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Birchfield Jr. died Friday, July 10, 2009, in Lawton. Burial with military honors will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens under direction of Howard Harris Funeral Services.

He was born August 9, 1937, in Bessmer, Ala., to Ollie and Luther Birchfield Sr. He was educated in Bessmer, and graduated from Brighton High School in 1958. He married Annie Ruth Perdue in 1965. After enlisting in the Army, he retired after 30 years as a command sergeant major with two tours of duty in Germany, Vietnam, Korea and other assignments in the United States. He received many accolades, awards, commendations and medals during his career in the military. He was a member of Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Lawton, where he served as past president of the Ushers Ministry, Sunday school, the Brotherhood and the Brotherhood Choir. He was sergeant at arms of Pershing Missile Black Jack Lawton Chapter and was president of Citywide Ushers. He worked at Sohl Paint for many years.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Katrina Birchfield; two grandchildren: Jaylon Travis and Micah Parker; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Bob and Lenar Birchfield, Lipcomb, Ala.; and Donald and Sarah Gilbert, New Orleans; and two sisters: Dorothy Stevenson and Shirley Gilbert, both of Midfield, Ala. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jim; and an adopted son, Travis. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.