



## Melvin Branch

August 14, 1921 - January 31, 2009

Melvin Branch, age 87

And a resident of the Hilltop Community died early Saturday January 31, 2009 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. He was a lifelong member of Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Branch was retired from the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. where he worked for 38 years.

Survived by: Wife of 60 years Helen Melton Branch of Hilltop Community  
Daughter and Son in law: Lajune and Ronnie Williams of Sandy Hook, MS  
Son and Daughter in law: Randy and Jackie Branch of Hilltop Community  
3 Grandchildren and spouses: Melissa and Kevin Creel, Cherish and Justin Crockett, Chase Branch and fiancé Jessica Smith

5 Great-grandchildren: C.K. Creel, Caleb Creel, Kylee Creel Avery Crockett, Alex Crockett

2 Sisters in law: Virgie Branch of Stateline Community Lizina Branch of Hilltop Community

Numerous other nieces, nephews and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents Rufus and Eddie Moore Branch, step mother Pearl Knight Branch, sisters Aline Knight, Eulane Thomas, Zelma Shelly, and Lillian Williams; brothers Delos Branch and Clifton Branch

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday February 1st from 6 pm until 9 pm. Visitation Monday will be at Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church after 9 am until the time of the funeral service at 11 am with Eld. Mark Hobgood, Eld.

Richard Magee, and Eld. Duane Ball officiating. Burial will follow in the Hilltop Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Kelson Penton, Don Wheat, Zack Hobgood, Byron Forbes, Randall Stafford, Shane Ard, Scotty Rogers, Kendall McKenzie, Hal Russell

Honorary Pallbearers: Devon Branch, Leonard Seals, J.D. McKenzie, R.J. Kennedy, Dudley Adams, Carlos Singley, Delos Singley, R.V. Rogers, Lavon Seals, Junior Seals, Gary Wheat, Ray Breland

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ *LaJune, I am so sorry to hear about your father. You and your family will be in my prayers not only during this time, but in the days to come. May God Bless you and your family and spread His arms around you always.*

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**Pam Ashby** - February 04, 2009 at 07:27 PM

MR

“ *My sympathies are with you during this difficult time. God be with you, Blessings, Mildred Penton Richbourg*

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**Mildred Penton Richbourg** - February 03, 2009 at 04:48 PM

SF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will not be able to make it to the church - but I will have your whole family in my thoughts and prayers - Sally*

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**Sally Fornea** - February 02, 2009 at 05:02 PM

JG

“ *Mrs. Branch, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Johnny and Dianne Green*

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**Johnny and Dianne Green** - February 02, 2009 at 03:18 PM

SS

“ *We are very sorry for the family's loss. Wish we could have been able to be there. We will continue to keep the family in our prayers.*

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**Sydney, Katie & Jordyn Smith** - February 02, 2009 at 09:10 AM

DT

“ *Lajune and family;; Sorry about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Devon & Delores Thomas** - February 02, 2009 at 09:08 AM

MR

“ *Mrs Branch  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
Dick and Marilyn*

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**Mr & Mrs R W Richardson** - February 01, 2009 at 07:09 PM

SG

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.He was a very fine Christian man.My thoughts and prayers go with you as you struggle through these trying days*

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**Sally Penton Gainey** - January 31, 2009 at 05:43 PM

SM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Sandra Penton Mohon** - January 31, 2009 at 04:53 PM