



## R.J. Kennedy, Sr.

December 16, 1932 - January 9, 2012

R. J. KENNEDY SR., AGE 79

And a resident of Angie died at 11:07 pm Monday January 9, 2012 at LSU Medical Center in Bogalusa. He was a longtime member of Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church and a retired carpenter. He became an ordained minister in 1969 and was pastor of several local churches. He later became involved in the mission field and was a volunteer chaplain for Rayburn Correctional Center and regularly visited nursing homes.

Survived by: Wife of 59 years: Clara Mae Knight Kennedy of Angie

3 Children and spouses: Cathy and Pat Branch of Pine; Robert Joe Kennedy, Jr. of Nashville; Theresa and Byron Stogner of Angie

7 Grandchildren and spouses: Keith and Megan Branch; Steven and Heather Branch Amanda Sharp; Brooke Kennedy; Crystal and Robbie Page; Justin Stogner; Kristian Kennedy

13 Great-grandchildren

3 Sisters: Evie Singley of Angie; Lois Phillips of Alexandria; Dorothy Woodard of Angie

3 Brothers and Sisters in law: W.D. and Earline Kennedy of Varnado; Huey and Kathy Kennedy of Bogalusa; Edward Earl and Sharon Kennedy of Nashville

3 Sisters in law and Brother in law: Laminda Rhoden of Bogalusa; Doyle and Beryl Knight of Thomas; Doris Creel of Pine

Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members

He was preceded in death by his parents Roscoe Kennedy and Mary Elizabeth Kennedy, brother S.T. Kennedy, 2 sisters Doris Weaver, Louise Hobgood, mother in law Emma Knight, sisters in law Lillian Carter and Lois Hillinshead

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home from 4 PM until 10 PM Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and after 9 AM Thursday. A funeral service will be held at 1 PM in the funeral home chapel with Eld. Keith Branch, Eld Mark Hobgood, Eld. Eddie Hartfield, and Eld. Lavon Carnegie officiating. Burial will follow in the Hilltop Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Mark Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, Brandon Singley, Jeffery Bickens, Brandon Minark , Jerry Miller

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our sympathy to the Kennedy family upon the death of Pastor R.J. Kennedy Sr. As Christians we are assured a Heavenly reunion with our loved ones once our earthly time is over. Our prayers are with all of the family and friends of Bro. Kennedy. God bless!

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**Kaye Breland Byrd and Mike Byrd** - January 27, 2012 at 12:51 AM

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“ To the Kennedy and Branch families:  
So sorry to hear about your loss. I have been praying for you and will continue to keep you all in my prayers. May God comfort you at this time and allow you to find peace.  
Anitra Ball

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**Anitra Ball** - January 17, 2012 at 09:55 AM

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“ Dear Branch and Kennedy family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Regardless of illness or condition we are never ready to let someone we love go. I'm sure that he will be missed by all of you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lydia Creel** - January 13, 2012 at 04:23 PM

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“ To my sweet family. Uncle R.J. and I always had a special connection. I will truly miss him. I know that it is really hard to let go. You always want just one more min. I love you all.

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**Robert and Shirley Yates** - January 11, 2012 at 02:24 PM