

# Obsequies

OF THE LATE

Ezell Anderson



*Thursday, May 28, 1964*

1:00 P. M.

*First Baptist Church  
Mound Bayou, Mississippi*



## Obituary

Mr. Ezell "Scope" Anderson was born near Lexington, (Acona) Mississippi. He was one of 16 children born to the late Reverend and Mrs. Daniel Anderson.

At an early age, he was converted and joined the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Lexington, Mississippi.

He attended the public schools of the Valley View and Mount Olive communities.

During his high school days he became a baseball enthusiast. He was a catcher for the Mount Olive School and the community baseball teams. This interest in baseball lasted throughout his life.

A veteran of World War I, he and his first wife, Everlena, moved to Mound Bayou in the early 20's from Berclair near Itta Bena, Miss. She passed away a few years thereafter.

After moving to Mound Bayou he joined the First Baptist Church where he remained a member until his death.

He was employed by the late C. M. Powell in the Powell Undertaking Establishment. When the main office of the Powell Funeral Corporation was moved to Chicago, "Mr. Ezell," as he was called, was left to manage the Mound Bayou Funeral Home. Upon the death of Mr. C. M. Powell the business was purchased by the Delta Burial Corporation of Marks, Mississippi, and "Mr. Ezell" was employed by them as Funeral Director of the Mound Bayou Branch. Here he managed the business with honesty and efficiency until his death.

After having been a widower for several years, he was married to Miss Margaret Mullins of Boyle, Mississippi. She preceded him in death on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1959. To this union was born one daughter, Vera, who survives them.

His interest in the growth and development of Mound Bayou was evidenced by the fact that he served as town Alderman for a number of years, and that he and his wife, Margaret, owned and operated successfully Vera's Variety Store and Marzell Motel.

For about fourteen years he was Town Marshal, and at the time of his death was a highly respected Deputy Sheriff of Bolivar County.

He was well known and liked by Negro and White Citizens of the entire Delta Area.

The following organizations knew him as a brother: The Knights of Tabor, The Masons, The Elks, The American Legion and the Mississippi Funeral Directors' Association.

His long life of dedicated service to mankind came to an end on Sunday, May 24, 1964 at 6:45 a. m. in the Taborian Hospital of Mound Bayou.

He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted daughter, Mrs. Vera Anderson Ford, of Los Angeles, California; a son-in-law, three grandsons; two brothers: Mr. Matthew Anderson of Mound Bayou and Mr. Charles Spurgeon Anderson of St. Paul, Minnesota; two sisters: Mrs. Zee Anderson Barron of Mound Bayou, and Mrs. Anna Anderson Jackson of St. Louis, Missouri; several nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law, "old buddies" and many friends.

### LOVING MEMORIES

The voice is mute and stilled the heart,  
That loved us well and true,  
Ah, bitter was the trial to part  
From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten, loved one,  
Nor will you ever be,  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.

## Program

### Processional

Hymn—Come, Ye Disconsolate - - - - - Choir

Scripture - - - - - Rev. A. L. Saddler,  
*Gen. Mgr. Delta Burial Corp.*

Prayer - - - - - Rev. A. A. Thompson,  
*Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church*

Hymn—Abide With Me - - - - - Choir

Remarks: Mr. Wesley Liddell - *Mayor of Mound Bayou*  
Mr. Isaac Peterson  
- - - - - *Clerk, First Baptist Church*  
Mr. Charles Stringer  
- - - - - *Miss. Funeral Directors' Assn.*  
Mr. John C. Melchor  
- - - - - *Pres. Delta Burial Corp.*  
Bolivar County Sheriff's Office

### Acknowledgment of Condolences

### Obituary (to be read silently)

Solo - - - - - Mr. Frank Braugher

Eulogy - - - - - Rev. L. J. Jordan, Jr.,  
*Pastor, First Baptist Church*

### Fraternal Organizations:

Grand Master James C. Gilliam  
- - - - - *Stringer Grand Lodge*  
Sir Milton Anderson, Chief Arcanum  
- - - - - *Knigh's of Tabor*  
Exalted Ruler Fred Miller - - - - - *IBPOEW*  
District Commander C. Preston Holmes  
- - - - - *American Legion*

### Funeral Directors in Charge

### Recessional

Miss Minnie Fisher, *Mistress of Ceremonies*



## PALL BEARERS

### *Active*

Mr. Howard Huggins - - Delta Burial Corp.  
Mr. I. V. Grant - - - Grant Funeral Home  
Mr. James Betts - - - - Marks Burial  
Mr. Willie Crawford - - - - Wolfe & Wolfe  
Mr. Thomas Dillon - - Dillon Funeral Home  
Mr. J. H. Hank - - - Hank Funeral Home

## PALL BEARERS

### *Honorary*

All Funeral Directors of the State

Mr. Dennis Moody	Mr. Willie Edwards
Mr. James Watson	Mr. Grover Miller
Mr. Jessie Crossley	Mr. Douglas Jackson
Mr. Mike Coleman	Mr. Booker Powell
Mr. George Moton	Mr. Wesley Slate

## FLOWER BEARERS

Ladies of the following Auxiliaries:

Heroines of Jericho

Daughter Elks

Daughters of Tabor

American Legion Auxiliary

Interment at the Mound Bayou Cemetery

Delta Burial Corporation in Charge

The family wishes to thank all persons who have in any way provided expressions of comfort, consolation and thoughtfulness both during the hours of illness and during this time of bereavement.