

Gregory Nicholson
Larry Baltimore
Daryl Bowles

~~ Pallbearers ~~

Justin Crews Nicholson
Leon Baltimore
Donnell Baltimore

~~ Flower Bearers ~~

Family and Friends

~~ Interment ~~

Canfield Cemetery
Ripley, Tennessee

~~ Acknowledgments ~~

Words cannot fully express our appreciation of the many kind thoughts and deeds shown to us during our many hours of pain and sorrow. We sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, blessings and deeds of kindness. They mean so much during such difficult times.

Sincerely,
Etta Crews Nicholson
and
Family



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**HOME GOING CELEBRATION**

**FOR**



**MR. T. O. CREWS**

*"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."*

*Matthew 5:4*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1998  
11:00 A.M.

**CHAPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
BROWNSVILLE, TENNESSEE

REV. T. L. HOUSE, PASTOR  
REV. W. L. REID, OFFICIATING

## ***Life's Reflections***

*" Well done, good and faithful servant; Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. "*

*Matthew 23:23*

***These words beckoned T. O. Crews on Wednesday, June 10, 1998***

***Mr. T. O. Crews*** was the second child born to the union of the late Jim Crews and Lena West Crews on February 6, 1910 in Haywood County.

***T.O.*** professed his belief and faith in God at an early age and joined the Chapel Hill Baptist Church where he remained until he moved to Stanton, Tennessee. There he remained until moving to St. Louis, Missouri. Upon moving to St. Louis, he was united with the Pleasant Green Baptist Church where he remained active until his health failed.

***T.O.*** married Minnie Lou Williams on November 25, 1928. To this union, one son was born, Leo Collin Crews. ***T.O.*** raised two grandchildren, Collin Crews, Jr. and Etta Crews Nicholson.

***T.O.*** was active in civic affairs and a great community activist. He served in different capacities, as an office holder at the Douglass Jr. High School, in Stanton, Tennessee, as president of the Community Counsel in Stanton, Tennessee. In 1959, he played a big role in the Civil Rights Movement as president of Civil and Welfare League, district number two in Haywood County. This organization was registering Blacks to vote. He also served on the Board of Directors of OEO for Haywood County for two terms.

***T.O.*** was ahead of his time in his prospectiveness to his business manner which made him highly respected by all whom he dealt with in the business world and community.

***T.O.*** will be greatly missed. He leaves to mourn; his faithful and devoted wife, Minnie Lou of 69 years; son, Leo; both of St. Louis, MO; 6 grandchildren, Collin Crews, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA, Etta Crews (Greg) Nicholson of St. Louis, MO, Patrice (Daryl) Bowles, Michael (Annette) Crews, all of Atlanta, GA, Leo Darrick Crews of Brownsville, TN and Sandra K. McDowell of Nashville, TN. He also leaves behind 9 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

## ***~~ Order of Service ~~***

***(Closed Casket)***

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Choir**

**Scripture**

**Minister Leon Baltimore**

**Prayer**

**Rev. James Baltimore**

**Selection**

**Rev. William Terrell**

**Acknowledgments and Condolences**

**Life's Reflections**

**(Read Silently)**

**Soft Music**

**Eulogy**

**Rev. W. L. Reid**

**Thompson's Mortuary In Charge**

**Recessional**

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***" There's an open gate at the end of the road,  
Through which each must go alone,  
And there in a light we cannot see,  
Our Father claims His own. "***