

RESOLUTION

MacNeil (Doby) Bartling went home to be with his Lord on October 9, 1992. It was a glorious homecoming for Doby but we shall miss him. Doby was blessed in many ways. He was a truly outstanding athlete, starring in both football and baseball while attending Ole Miss -- a place he loved dearly and is a member of its Hall of Fame. He was an outstanding coach -- beginning his coaching career in a small high school and progressing to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee where he served as head football coach. He had a successful business career serving in various capacities while in the employ of Mississippi School Supply Company. He had a multitude of friends throughout the State of Mississippi and the adjoining states. He served as an officer in the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi for many years -- serving with dignity, efficiency and understanding. He was superintendent of the Junior High School Department and the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi where he truly excelled. He served as teacher and as president of the Brotherhood Class of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi -- and that class will never be the same without Doby. He served as a community leader, being involved in many worthwhile civic activities. His love and devotion to his family and his friends was evident in everything that he said and did as was his overwhelming interest and devotion to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Doby left behind his lifelong partner -- his devoted wife Grace -- two children -- five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Doby's body now lies in the cemetery of his beloved hometown of Itta Bena, Mississippi, however his soul is in heaven with the other saints that have preceded him and his memory lives in the hearts of thousands here on this earth including every member of this session -- a memory that will never leave us and one that will continue to bless and guide us for the rest of our lives.

Doby blessed our lives as very few have ever done. We loved him and we will miss him.

NOW, THEREFORE, the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi does hereby express our gratitude to God for the blessings that have been conferred upon us by the fellowship and companionship that we received from Doby -- getting to know and love him -- for the privilege of serving with him on the session -- for the example he has set for all of us -- as a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, a friend and as a Christian that demonstrated throughout his life the biblical gifts, talents and fruit promised for a life that is completely dedicated to the service of his Lord and Savior.

We, the members of this Session, hereby express our Christian sympathy to the family members Doby left behind and assure them of our continued prayers and interest in them.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this meeting of the session and a copy forwarded to the surviving members of Doby's family.

