

**In loving memory of our dear son, brother, friend and relative**  
**Ernest William Francis**

*June 19, 1975 - October 31, 2006*

*You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray  
that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes  
and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty  
because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love  
that you shared.  
You can turn your back on  
tomorrow and live yesterday.  
You can remember him  
and only that his gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory  
and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he would want,  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*



*Ernest will be dearly missed by Dad Robert, Mom Bernice, Brother Robert James, Sister Effie Louise, one of his many cousins Norma Norman, his buddies Archie Jerome and Rudy Fracis as well as many others in the community of Fort McPherson and surrounding communities in the Delta.*

*We will surely miss our beloved son, brother, friend and relative. Ernest has left us with lots of great memories to cherish. Remember the good times that you were blessed to have had with Ernest and take comfort in knowing our beloved Ernest is up in Heaven with his brothers.*

*I am so thankful to have met Ernest when we were kids. We had a friendship that lasted throughout the years despite the distance between us. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be with him one last time this summer.*

*Ernest was a hunter and a provider for his family, his friends and his community. I admired him for the person he was and the qualities he had. He was genuine and I will hold dear all my memories of my Sunshine.*

*Love, Nadira*