

January 19, 2011 - **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MISSISSIPPI
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Services for the Miss Mississippi “Sweetie” Winn will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Avenue Baptist Church, 901 W. 70th Street in Shreveport. Burial will follow at Carver Memorial Cemetery, 498 Kennie Road in Shreveport.

Visitation/Family hour has been set for Friday, January 21, 2011, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Benevolent Funeral Home, 1624 Milam Street in Shreveport.

Miss Winn, Shreveport’s oldest citizen, the nation’s oldest African-American and 7th oldest person in the world died Friday, January 14, 2011. She was 113 years old.

Born March 31, 1897, Miss Mississippi Winn’s birthday was celebrated throughout the City of Shreveport with community and religious leaders, family, friends and residents who all proudly shared in the joy of Miss Winn’s celebration of life. Since her 110th birthday, each year Mayor Glover took great pride in proclaiming March 31st as “Miss Mississippi Winn Day” in the City of Shreveport, urging all citizens to join in the celebration of her life, longevity and her many contributions.

Miss Winn was the highlight last month, of the National Gerontology Research Group’s website and world-wide publication. www.grg.org

Miss Winn was also included in the Guinness World Records 2011 Top Ten List of Oldest Living Persons. She ranked number eight when the book was published, but finishes at 7th place.

“It was a blessing to know Miss Winn and an honor to have the opportunity to recognize this remarkable and outstanding woman whose life, struggles and successes are apart of the fabric of our City,” said Mayor Glover.

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