Born in Fairfield County, he was the son of the late William Ashford and Mozell Jones Ashford. He was employed with Royal Food Company of Linden, N.J., and a member of Bethlem Church in Linden, N.J. Survivors include his wife. Nervia Sanders Ashford, daughters. Babblett Smith. Loavelle Ashford, Thersa Ashford, Cynthia Ashford, a son, Melvin Ashford, Jr., sisters, Onetha Kindsley, Jessie Lee Ruff, Annie Mae Pinkey, and a brother, Elijah (Sonny) Ashford. Russell-McCutchen Funeral Home of Winnsboro was in

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