

Pallbearers

William Coble
Gregory Coble, Jr.
Roland Selby
Gregory Coble, Sr.
Mack William David
Bob Swinea

Interment

Thatch-Mann Cemetery - Athens, Alabama

Professional Services

Schrader Funeral Home - St. Louis, Missouri
People's Funeral Home - Athens, Alabama



Acknowledgements

Our family thanks God for your coming to share in the celebration of our beloved Gwendolyn. We are extremely grateful for the numerous expressions of love, support, and generosity shown to us. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

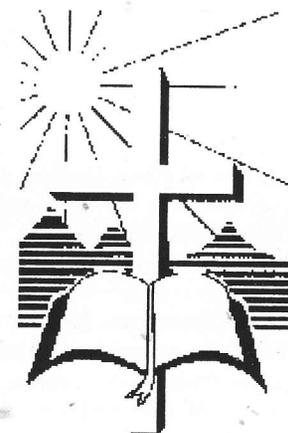
Genesis 3:19

A Celebration of Life

for

Gwendolyn Louise Coble Lampkins

December 16, 1928 - July 8, 2003



~Services~

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

11:00 a.m.

Trinity Congregational Church

722 Browns Ferry Street

Athens, Alabama

Reverend Gary L. Meyers, Pastor, Officiating

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on the Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

II Timothy 4:7,8

Obituary

GWENDOLYN LOUISE COBLE was the sixth child born to Ennis Carroll and Etta Wynn Coble on December 16, 1928 in Athens, Alabama. In her formative years, Gwendolyn attended Miller Public School through 6th grade. She matriculated to Trinity High School where she was an active participant in academic and social activities until graduating in 1946. At an early age, Gwendolyn accepted Christ and joined the family church of Trinity Congregational Church.

During her senior year in high school, Gwendolyn participated in an essay contest for which she was awarded a scholarship which helped provide her college tuition and expenses. At 17 years old, Gwendolyn moved to Louisiana to attend Southern University in 1946. Gwendolyn's helping hands and easy spirit lead her to select Home Economics as her major. While at Southern, she joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and enjoyed many other collegiate activities until she graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics.

Gwendolyn began her teaching career in Plain Dealing, Louisiana at the local high school. During her first year of teaching, she met and fell in love with Ernest Lampkins and they were soon wed on December 21, 1952. This union of over 33 years was blessed with two beautiful daughters – Roselyn and Carmen.

Gwendolyn taught high school Home Economics for over twenty years in the Caddo Parish Public School System. When she retired in 1976, she enjoyed spending time with Mother Joe, her beloved mother-in-law, and participating in social and church activities. She was an active member of Williams Memorial CME Temple for nearly 50 years. Gwendolyn loved to travel to visit with family and could always be counted on to be "ready to go" at a moments notice.

Gwendolyn's health began to fail after she suffered a stroke in April 2000. This resulted in her moving to St. Louis, Missouri to be under the loving watch of her older daughter, Roselyn. During Gwendolyn's stay in St. Louis, she transitioned through various stages of assisted living at Delmar Gardens Nursing Home and was lovingly supported by her two daughters, family friends and a wonderful nursing staff that grew to love our Gwen.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers Haskin Frazier in 1996 and Carroll Samuel in 1999.

Survivors who cherish the memories of her love are: two daughters and son-in-laws - Roselyn and Levi Kirkland, Jr. of St. Louis Missouri, Carmen and Michael Hughes of Atlanta, Georgia; six grandchildren – Alana Kirkland, Levi Kirkland III, Cole Kirkland, all of St. Louis, Mo., Michael Hughes II, Maya Hughes, Maxwell Hughes, all of Atlanta, Ga.; three sisters – Caulyne Bramlette of Los Angeles, California, Emma Nix of Silver Spring, Maryland, Ennis Doyle of Washington, D.C., one brother-in-law – Roscoe Nix of Silver Spring, Maryland; three nieces – Joycelyn Bramlette of Los Angeles, California, Veretta Nix of Detroit, Michigan, Susan Webster of Atlanta, Georgia; three nephews – Gregory Coble and Michael Coble both of Detroit, Michigan, William Coble of Atlanta, Georgia; two grand-nieces, eight grand-nephews, and many more cousins and friends.

Order of Service

- Prelude* Musicians
- Processional*
- Opening Remarks* Rev. Gary L. Meyers
- Congregational Hymn* "How Great Thou Art"
- Prayer* Rev. Larry D. Anders
Williams Memorial CME Temple
Shreveport, Louisiana
- Scripture Readings*
Old Testament Miss Alana Kirkland
New Testament Miss Brett Lampkins
- Solo Selection* "Because He Lives"
- Reflections/Expressions*
Long-time Friend Mrs. Ruby A. Horton
Shreveport, Louisiana
Family Ms. Joycelyn Bramlette
Los Angeles, California
Open Reflections Family and Friends
(2 minutes)
- Musical Selection* "Bridge Over Troubled Waters"
- Eulogy* Rev. Larry D. Anders
- Solo Selection* "Precious Lord"
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Tribute* Ms. Veretta Nix
Detroit, Michigan
- Closing Prayer* Mrs. Barbara Holloway
St. Louis, Missouri
- Recessional* "It is Well With My Soul"

In Loving Memory



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Gwendolyn

*God saw that you were getting tired
And a cure was not to be.*

*So He put his arms around you
And whispered "come to me".*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away.*

*Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating.
Loving hands came to a rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Author Unknown

