

*Homegoing Celebration*  
*of*  
*Hellen T. Thatch*



*January 2, 1935 - November 5, 2010*

Thursday, November 11, 2010

Service: 12:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church  
7565 Greenbrier Road  
Madison, Alabama 35756

*Elder Joe H. Pater, Pastor and Officiant*

## *Obituary*

Life began for *Hellen T. Thatch* on January 2, 1935. She was born to the late Addie and Emmit Taylor of Limestone County, Alabama. She received her wings on November 5, 2010 at Huntsville Hospital. She experienced her Christian journey at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama, where she served as a faithful, dedicated choir member.

*Hellen T. Thatch* worked for Culver's Cleaners for many years and also worked as a domestic engineer for many years. She retired to be a devoted grandmother. She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Thatch and Stanley Thatch; one son-in-law, Fred Hardy; two sisters, Carlene Jackson and Georganna Fletcher; and one brother, Jessie Taylor.

*Hellen* was a devoted wife, woman of God, and a mother to many children. She leaves to cherish her memories, a devoted husband, Rev. John I. Thatch of Madison, Alabama; four daughters, Fannie Wade (Larry) of Decatur, Alabama, Brenda Burke (Beresford), Vera Hardy both of Tanner, Alabama, and Traccee Cummings of Huntsville, Alabama; four sons, Warren Thatch (Gwen), Marvin Thatch (Revelle) both of Decatur, Lowell Thatch (Undrell) of Athens, Alabama, and Al Rainey of Madison; daughter-in-law, Bobbie Thatch of Athens; two sisters, Sally Taylor of Madison and Joyce (David) Shoulders of Decatur; one brother, Willie Taylor (Ruth) of Decatur; five sisters-in-law, Marilyn Dennis and Martha Thatch both of Decatur, Essie (Ferdinand) Hammonds of Madison, Ernestine Watts of St. Louis, and Ann Harris of Chicago, Illinois; two brothers-in-law Carnell (Jean) Thatch of Atlanta and Rev. Ronald Thatch of Decatur; aunt-in-law, Ollie Mae (David) Locklayer of Hillsboro, Alabama.

The fulfillment of her heart were her grandchildren, Pamela Reynolds, Jessica Taylor, and Shabra Taylor all of Decatur; great-grandchild, Jariah Jones; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her love goes out to Debbie, David, Jennifer, Emily, and Lindsey Duncan, and a special cousin, Peggy Ann Lockett.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude		
Processional		
Selection		Choir
Scripture	<i>Old Testament</i>	Elder David Lee Robinson
	<i>New Testament</i>	Elder Kenneth Langford
Prayer		Elder James Robinson
Solo		Gwen Thatch
Words of Encouragement		Minister Linda Jackson
Tributes ( <i>2 minutes please</i> )		
As a Church Member		Mother Jefferson
As an Aunt		Twannie Hubbard
As a Grandmother		Jessica Taylor
Selection		Choir
Acknowledgements		Veronica Winston
Solo		Victor Garth
Eulogy		Pastor Joe H. Cater
Closing Prayer		Deacon Charlie Ratlif
Recessional		

*\*Repast will be served at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama*

## *Pallbearers*

Nephews and Friends

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Deacons of Church

## *Flower Bearers*

Nieces and Friends

## *Honorary Flower Bearers*

Mothers of Church

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say, Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so very much, whatever the part. Special thanks to Huntsville Hospital Eighth Floor Doctor and Nurses and Valley View Nursing Home. May God Bless Each of You.

Thank You,

*The Family*

## *Interment*

**Oakland Cemetery-Decatur, Alabama**

*Well done, thou good and faithful servant..... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matthew 25:21*

**Arrangements Entrusted to:**

*Jackson Memory Funeral Home*

Henry O. Jackson, Owner

15737 Main Street

Town Creek, Alabama 35672

(256) 685-3286



## **“Momma”**



*You know that we love you. You are the Queen of our Hearts. We will always love and cherish you in our hearts. You were a woman of integrity, you were a mighty woman of God. You laid the foundation for us to follow, you were a woman that loved God and a hard worker. You cared for your family, and we know that you are now home. You are with us in spirit and truth. You were a virtuous woman. Mom we are not worried because we know where you are. We will always love you “Momma”.*

*Your loving daughters,*

*Fannie and Brenda*

*When God calls His children home,  
Their angels come to take them by the hand,  
Leading them along a shining path into a place of  
peace and light,  
Home at last, they see the Lord open His arms  
welcoming them  
with a smile into the everlasting joy that is His love.*

## *A Tribute to My Wife*

*Words alone could never say how much you mean to me,*

*How much we've grown with every year,*

*How dear you'll always be....*

*But still, I hope you realize*

*I'm so happy you've been my wife*

*And that I'll always cherish the memories*

*Of the life we shared together.*

*There are in the end three things that last:*

*Faith, Hope, and Love*

*And the greatest of these is Love.*

*Always,*

*John*

# *Special Memories*



