



Celebrating and Remembering  
the Life of

*Artie Mae Luckett*

*Ratliff Tapscott*

*(Nug)*

April 2, 1919 ~ March 17, 2013

Friday, March 22, 2013  
12:00 Noon

*Macedonia Cumberland Presbyterian  
Church in America*

1820 Old Moulton Road, Southwest  
Decatur, Alabama 35601

The Reverend Endia J. Scruggs,  
*Officiant and Family Pastor*

The Reverend Dr. Wylheme H. Ragland,  
*Worship Liturgist*

The Reverend Dr. G. Lynne Herring, *Pastor*  
Elder Kerry Sutherlin, *Stated Clerk*



# Obituary

*"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalms 23:1*

On Sunday morning, March 17, 2013 at 7:45 a.m., 50 years to the day, of her father's funeral, God dispatched an angel to take **Artie Luckett Ratliff Tapscott** home to be with her Lord. God blessed her with 93 beautiful years on this earth. Artie Mae was born in Decatur, Alabama on April 2, 1919, to the late Ottie Wilbur and Malinda Russell Luckett. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Orader Cooper, Lucy Pates and Dorothy Thompson, one brother, Walter Watson Luckett, and one son, Edward Wilbert Ratliff.

*"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." Psalms 23:2*

She gave her life to Christ at an early age. She united with St. James C. P. Church in America where she was a member for over fifty years. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, choir member, and in the Missionary Society. When her health began to decline, she moved in with her daughter, Lynne and united with Macedonia C. P. Church in America, where she remained faithful.

*"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3*

After obtaining her diploma, she attended nursing school and was employed at Miller and Jacob Clinic for over thirty years, and she was also employed by the City of Decatur as a Safety Crossing Guard for Carver Elementary School and Lakeside High School for twenty-five plus years.

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalms 23:4*

Artie Mae was a member of the Semper Fidelis Club of Decatur for over 40 years and loved cooking and entertaining her family and friends. She loved reading the Book of Psalms and would often refer to it.

*"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." Psalms 23:5*

Artie Mae "Nug", as she was called by many of her family and friends, was a woman of character, devoted to her family. Her pride and joy was listening to her children sing and Lois play the piano. She believed in education and often told her children how proud she was to be able to live to see them finish college because that opportunity was not afforded her due to her mother's death when she was only thirteen years old. Her children will tell you that she gave up much for them and loved them with all her heart. She made sure that they were brought up in the admonition of the Lord. Whenever she was unavailable to take them to church functions, she would entrust them only in the hands of, Nettie Wynn, Pansy Tramble and Miss Mandy. Her memory lives on through her legacy.

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalms 23:6*

# Order of Service

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."*  
2 Timothy 4:7

Prelude.....	"Heaven Is My Goal" .....	Dr. James Reginald Jackson
Processional.....	Reynolds Funeral Home Ministers The Family	
Opening Hymn.....	Sister Shirley Green	
Prayer.....	Elder Kerry Sutherlin.	
Scriptures.....	<i>Job 14:1-14</i> .....	The Reverend Otis Dixon
	<i>Psalm 23</i> .....	The Reverend Patricia Dixon
Solo.....	"Take Me To The King".....	Ms. Larinda Donnell
New Testament Reading.....	<i>John 14:1-14</i> .....	The Reverend James Robinson
Instrumental Solo.....	Dr. James Reginald Jackson	
Proclamations.....	The Reverend Dr. Wylheme H. Ragland	
Acknowledgment.....	Bro. Sean Robert Tapscott	
Selection.....	"I'm Going Through".....	The Gray Sisters
Eulogy.....	The Reverend Endia J. Scruggs	
Solo.....	"I Know I Been Changed" .....	Ms. Carolyn Strong
Closing Prayer.....	The Reverend Dr. Mitchell Walker	
Recessional.....	"Out Sightseeing in Beulah".....	Bro. Patrick Gray

## Interment

### Decatur City Cemetery

*"Blessed in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His saints"*



## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Elders and Deacons of Macedonia C.P.C.A.

## *Active Pallbearers*

Reynolds Funeral Home

## *Honorary Flower Bearers*

Semper Fidelis Club

## *Active Flower Bearers*

Women's Ministry of Macedonia C.P.C.A.

## *Acknowledgment*

*The family would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love that you have shown to us during our time of bereavement. We have been blessed by the outpouring of your generosity in helping to ease the pain at this time. We pray that God will bless you mightily.*

### ***Special Thanks:***

*Dr. Charles Prickett, the staff of USA Decatur Health and Rehabilitation.*

*Bubba, words cannot express the gratitude we have for all you did for our mother. You took her as your own mother and did for her as you did for Ms. Ruth. We love you with all our heart.*

*The Family*



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