

**Pall Bearers**  
*Grandsons – Nephews*

**Honorary Pall Bearers**  
*Deacons of Little Zion*

**Flower Bearers**  
*Granddaughters - Nieces*

**Honorary Flower Bearers**  
*Mothers of Little Zion*

**Interment**  
*Thatch and Mann Cemetery*

**Acknowledgement**

*During a time like this, we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Our sorrow is made easier to bear through your thoughtfulness and many expressions of sympathy. Thanks you sincerely for your understanding and affection.*

**--The Family**

**Peoples Funeral Home**

*"Services within the means of every family"*

# Homegoing Service

for

*Mother Bonnie Viola Horton Bibb*

*3-14-2002*



*Monday, March 18, 2002  
12:00 Noon*

***Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church***  
*Athens, Alabama*

**Rev. Damon Betts, Officiating**

## Obituary

*A precious one from us has gone  
A voice we love is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our heart-  
Which never can be filled.  
God said you were getting weary  
So He did what He thought was best,  
He came and stood beside you  
And whispered, "Come and Rest."  
You bade no one a last farewell  
Not even a good-bye,  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why!*

**M**rs. Bonnie Viola Horton Bibb departed this life on Thursday, March 14, 2002, quietly and peacefully at her home. Born on September 1, 1914, she was the youngest of 13 children born to Mr. Willie Horton and Mrs. Della Horton Mc Kinney. Eleven siblings preceded her in death.

She confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the Rev. Henry Cable. She served faithfully until her health began to fail. She was a dedicated member of the Senior Missionary Society. In later years she served as a mother on the Mother's Board.

She was united in holy wedlock to Mr. John (Jake) Bibb, Jr. on December 31, 1933. To this union nine children were born. Five preceded her in death.

One of her greatest joys was being around her family and friends. She loved sewing, cooking, and just have "plain ole fun."

The memory of this loving and caring lady will forever remain in the hearts of her children, Gretha Mae Maxwell, Willie Dean Bibb (Bertha), Annie Shaffer, Betty Banks, Brenda Coffee (Adlai); one sister, Mrs. Georgia Morgan; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law, Mrs. Bessie Cabknor; Mrs. Emma Horton; 2 devoted nieces; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends.

## Memorial Service

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION.....Choir

SONG AND PRAYER.....Reynold Gray

SCRIPTURE (Old and New Testament).....Rev. Donnie Malone

SELECTION.....Choir

AS A NEIGHBOR.....Mr. Walter Benford

AS A CHURCH MEMBER.....Deacon Leo Fuqua

TRIBUTE.....Rev. Adlai Coffee

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Rev. Norse Johnson

SOLO.....Ms. Angela Hughes

EULOGY.....Rev. Damon Betts

RECESSIONAL

### When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears;  
And hug your sorrows through the years.  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,  
And for my sake and in His name,  
Live on and do all things the same.  
Fed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,  
And I, in turn, will comfort you and hold you near.  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky.*