

FLOWER BEARERS

Mrs. Mildred Booker
Mrs. Mary Ellen Caldwell
Mrs. Gertrude Fletcher
Mrs. Willie Griffen
Mrs. Hattie Malone
Mrs. Ella B. Petty

PALLBEARERS

Mr. David Fletcher
Mr. Lee W. Harris
Mr. Nelson Howell
Mr. Oscar E. Mason
Mr. Roosevelt Seay
Mr. James Webb

INTERMENT: Thatch-Mann Cemetery



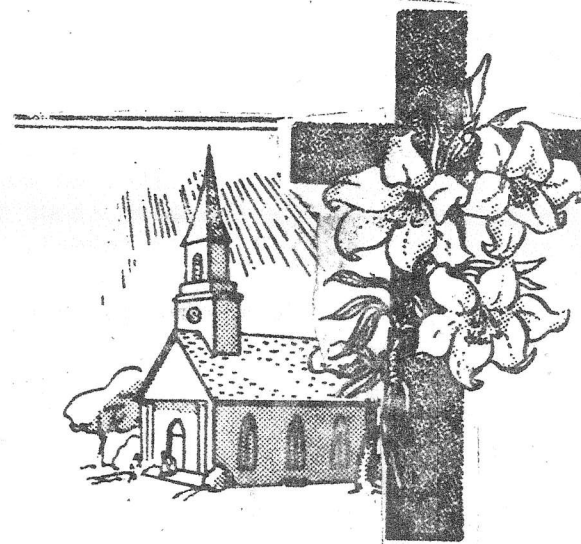
The family gratefully acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness rendered during the sudden death of their loved one.

PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME, Directing

Obsequies

For

MR. EARL GRIFFIS



TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1973

3:00 P.M.

VILLAGE VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ATHENS, ALABAMA

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REVEREND ELMER BINFORD, Pastor

OBITUARY

Mr. Earl Griffis was born to Ellis and Hattie Murray Griffis May 2, 1899 in Limestone County, Ala., His mother died while he was very young and his grandparents assumed the responsibility of rearing him. He received a great deal of affection and attention.

Most of his childhood was spent in the Big Creek Community, and he also attended school there. His gentle nature was as radiant as the sun, and all who knew him gained much through contact with him.

During the year of 1919, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Memory Harris, and to this union five children were born, one preceeded him in death. He loved and cared for his wife and children and always wanted to see that their needs were met. He laboured diligently until his health failed. He bore his pains in silence and only the Lord knows the extent of his suffering that he did not reveal.

He passed this life on Friday, March 2, 1973 at 11:30 a.m., at his residence.

He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted wife, Mrs. Memory Harris Griffis of Athens, Alabama; two sons, and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis M. Griffis of Rockford, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Griffis of Gary, Indiana; two daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover Sisson, Sr., of Jackson, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hobbs, Sr., of Athens, Ala.; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Malone of Athens, Alabama; Mrs. Ethel Kidd of Chicago, Illinois; eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

PROGRAMME

PROCESSIONAL

SONG.....Choir

SCRIPTURE.....Reverend Willie Cameron

SONG AND PRAYER.....Reverend F. M. Malone

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Mrs. Ester Scott

OBITUARY (Read Silently)

EULOGY.....Reverend Elmer Binford

SOLO.....Mrs. M. M. Harris

RECESSIONAL

THANATOPSIS

So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and
soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

-William Cullen Bryant