

## FLOWER BEARERS

### ACTIVE

*Mrs. Mable Davis*  
*Mrs. Beatrice Garrison*  
*Mrs. Minerva Howell*  
*Mrs. Lucy Malone*  
*Mrs. Trudell Mills*  
*Mrs. Elaine Nichols*  
*Mrs. Ellen Tolbert*  
*Mrs. Marvalene Webb*

### HONORARY

*Mrs. Alberta Austin*  
*Mrs. Gertrude Fletcher*  
*Mrs. Willie Griffin*  
*Mrs. Dora Horton*  
*Mrs. Mary P. Harris*  
*Mrs. Earle Payne*  
*Mrs. Clara Raines*  
*Mrs. Henrietta Sowell*

## PALLBEARERS

### ACTIVE

*Mr. Will Porter Garrison*  
*Mr. Will Ester Gibson*  
*Mr. James Jackson*  
*Mr. G. Hammond Lockhart*  
*Mr. Charlie Parker*  
*Mr. H. B. Proviencence*  
*Mr. Roland Pulley*  
*Mr. James Webb*

### HONORARY

*Mr. Lee W. Harris*  
*Mr. O. P. Harris*  
*Mr. Eugene Hobbs, Sr.*  
*Mr. Abe Horton*  
*Mr. Will Horton*  
*Mr. Turner Kennemer*  
*Mr. William Stanley, Sr.*  
*Mr. Robert Watkins*

### *Expression of Appreciation*

*The family wishes with grateful appreciation the many kind expressions of sympathy and love shown during the death of their loved one.*

***Mason Funeral Home, Directing***

## Funeral Services Of

*Mrs. Ella Bell Petty*  
1905 - 1981



***Sunday, October 25, 1981***

***11:00 A. M.***

***Village View United Methodist Church***

***Athens, Alabama***

**REV. L. G. FIELDS, Officiating**

# Obituary

*"Death is just as it should be — we are and then we are not; and if we did not die, we could not live eternally."*

ELLA BELL PETTY was born September 5, 1905 in Limestone County, Alabama. Her parents were Patsy and Mack Malone. She grew up in this area and received her formal education in the schools of Limestone County. Along with her educational growth, she also enhanced her spiritual growth by confessing hope in Christ, at an early age, and joined the Little Ezekiel M. B. Church. During July, 1936 she joined the Village View United Methodist Church under the Pastorship of the Reverend L. G. Fields.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Carter Petty in the year 1944 and he preceded her in death.

Being the mother of two children, she untiringly discharged her responsibilities to home, family and church; for it was her sincere desire to do what she could, as best she could. She was an active member of the Church Choir and the United Methodist Women until her health failed her. Her fraternal and civic responsibilities included membership in the Bethel Court of Calanthe No. 455 and the Athens Homemakers Club.

It was Wednesday, October 21, 1981 that she departed this life at the Limestone Nursing Home.

Her closest survivors are two sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren; namely, John Gursten Yarbrough, his wife, Charlene and their two children, Anthony and Sonya, all of Garland, Texas; and Gilbert Barthel Petty, his wife Alyce and their three children, Tamara, Regina and Gregory, all of Jackson, Tennessee. She also has a host of other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

### *God's Ways Are Strange*

*God's ways are strange; He chastens those He loves  
And gives them more of pain than joy . . .  
And I have wondered that He chose such trying means  
With which to gain a lasting good;  
But why complain of thorns? Enough to have the rose —  
God's Ways Are Strange.*

*— Margaret E. Bruner*

# Program

PROCESSIONAL . . . . . "Nearer, Mr God, to Thee"

HYMN . . . . . "Abide With Me" . . . . . Choir

### SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

HYMN . . . . . "The Unclouded Day" . . . . . Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS . . . . . Mrs. Earline G. Hobbs

OBITUARY (Read Silently)

EULOGY . . . . . Reverend L. G. Fields

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

MORTICIAN . . . . . Mason Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL . . . . . "Goin Home"

### INTERMENT

*Thatch-Mann Cemetery*

### GRAVESIDE SERVICES

*Bethel Court of Calanthe No. 455*