

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. Provience
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, Cherlene 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