

*The House by the Side of the Road*

*THERE are hermit souls that live  
withdrawn  
In the place of their self-content;  
There are souls like stars, that  
dwell apart,  
In a fellowless firmament;  
There are pioneer souls that blaze  
the paths  
Where highways never ran-  
But let me live by the side of the  
road  
And be a friend to man.  
Let me live in a house by the side  
of the road  
Where the race of men go by-  
The men who are good and the  
men who are bad,  
As good and as bad as I.  
I would not sit in the scorner's  
seat  
Nor hurl the cynic's ban-  
Let me live in a house by the side  
of the road  
And be a friend to man.  
I see from my house by the side of  
the road  
By the side of the highway of life,  
The men who press with the ardor  
of hope,  
The men who are faint with the  
strife,  
But I turn not away from their  
smiles and tears,*

*Both parts of an infinite plan-  
Let me live in a house by the side of  
the road  
And be a friend to man.  
I know there are brook-gladdened  
meadows ahead,  
And mountains of wearisome height;  
That the road passes on through the  
long afternoon  
And stretches away to the night.  
And still I rejoice when the travelers  
rejoice  
And weep with the strangers that  
moan,  
Nor live in my house by the side of  
the road  
Like a man who dwells alone.  
Let me live in my house by the side  
of the road,  
Where the race of men go by-  
They are good, they are bad, they  
are weak, they are strong,  
Wise, foolish - so am I.  
Then why should I sit in the  
scorner's seat,  
Or hurl the cynic's ban?  
Let me live in my house by the side  
of the road  
And be a friend to man.*

*Sam Walter Foss*

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**In Loving Memory**  
*of*  
**Estella B. Woodard**

**November 25, 1914**

**December 8, 2007**



**Friday, December 14, 2007**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**Greater Northwest Baptist Church**  
3402 West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street

*Pastor Claude B. Robinson ~ Officiating*



## OBITUARY

**ESTELLA B. HIGGINS WOODARD**, daughter of Joseph P. and Bertha Bishop Higgins was born November 25, 1914 in Athens, Alabama. She was the second born of eight children. Her parents, two sisters, Addie Ruth and Frances have preceded her in death.

She attended Athens Alabama Elementary School and graduated from Trinity High School.

On November 2, 1938, **Estella** was united in marriage to Robert E. Woodard, Sr. and from this union three children were born. Robert E. Sr. passed December 25, 1997.

**Estella** was a former member and Deaconess at. Zion Baptist Church and later joined the Greater Northwest Baptist Church where she was a faithful and devoted member until her passing.

**Estella** was homemaker to her husband and three children. She enjoyed attending Sunday school, church service, sewing, gardening and her daily walks which included keeping curbs and sidewalks free of litter. She participated in the Mapleton Fall Creek Neighborhood Club and received several civic awards and recognition from the City of Indianapolis.

**Estella B. Higgins Woodard** departed this life on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

She leaves to cherish her life a son, Robert E. Woodard, Jr. (Barbara); two daughters, Kathryn and Lorraine Woodard; brothers, Bennett Higgins (Shirley) from Athens, AL and Marvin Higgins (Betty) from New York, NY; sisters, Celestine Bridgeforth, and Josephine Woodson from Athens, AL, and Kathryn Robinson from Birmingham, AL, a host of other relatives, church family and friends.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL....."Silent Night".....Musical Prelude  
SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 121.....Rev. Emmett Jones  
Associate Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
PRAYER.....  
HYMN.....Choir  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....  
OBITUARY.....(read silently).....Soft Music  
REMARKS.....(Two minutes please).....Ministers  
HYMN.....Choir  
EULOGY.....Pastor Claude B. Robinson  
BENEDICTION.....  
RECESSIONAL....."Silent Night".....Musical Postlude

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### COMMITTAL AND INTERNMENT

*Gothic Chapel*  
CROWN HILL CEMETERY

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### CASKETBEARERS

Greater Northwest Baptist Church Members

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### APPRECIATION

*The family of the late **Estella B. Woodard** wishes to thank everyone for every act of kindness shown to us through your prayers, calls, visits, food and other actions whether in word or deed. May God bless and keep each of you in His care.*

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