

*Pallbearers*  
*Nephews*



*Honorary Pallbearers*  
*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church*  
*Deacon Board*



*Flower Bearers*  
*Nieces*



*Honorary Flower Bearers*  
*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church*  
*Mother*



*Interment*  
*Truich Mann Cemetery*  
*West Hobbs Street*  
*Athens, Alabama*



*Expressions of Gratitude*

*We, the family of Mother Della Townsend,*  
*is sincerely grateful for all the prayers,*  
*words of comfort, all acts of love*  
*and kindness shown to us*  
*doing the illness death of our love one.*  
*May God bless and keep each*  
*of you in His Care.*



This Service of Loved Entrusted  
to

**PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME**

*Personal Touches'*

*Homegoing Celebration*

*of*

*Mother Della Townsend*



*Sunrise*  
*January 1, 1929*

*Sunset*  
*April 1, 2002*



*Thursday, April 4, 2002*  
*One O'clock in the afternoon*



*St. Mark*

*Primitive Baptist Church*

*740 West Sanderfer Road • Athens, Alabama 35611*

*Elder Kenneth F. Owens*  
*Pastor and Officiant*

## Obituary



*"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain,"* said the Apostle Paul. If it was possible for our love ones to communicate from heaven, we know that this would be the message that our dearly departed sister, Mother Della Townsend, would relay from the portals of heaven, where she dwells eternally with the Lord.

Mother Della Washington Townsend was born to the late Mr. Jim and Mrs. Belle Washington on January 1, 1929. She stepped across the threshold, that we call death, but it was only a step into another room of our Father's House, on April 1, 2002 at 12:30 p.m.

Mother Townsend confessed hope in Christ at an early age and united with the St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church, under the leadership of Elder Green Horton, where she served as a loyal and faithful member. Mother Townsend never sought a place of prominence, but was willing to do the most humblest tasks, without seeking any recognition. She was active in all her church auxiliaries, willing and ever ready to do what was needed.

She was united in holy matrimony to Deacon Elijah Townsend and to this union three children were born. A daughter, Ms. Flora Townsend Troupe, preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories a devoted husband: Deacon Elijah Townsend; one son: Mr. Anthony (*Lillie*) Townsend of Athens, AL; one daughter: Ms. Carol D. Garth of Athens, AL; two brothers: Mr. Orsten (*Eva*) Washington of Elkmont, AL and Mr. John (*Mary*) Washington of Cincinnati, OH; two sisters: Mrs. Arlene Southard (Madison Manor Nursing Home) of Madison, AL and Mrs. Laura (*Willie*) Bailey of Dayton, OH; two very special sisters: Mrs. Eloise (*D. J.*) Townsend and Mrs. Lizzie M. Malone both of Athens, AL; three grandchildren: Terrell Townsend, William Garth and Kendall Garth all of Athens, AL; one great grandson: Chrisean Robinson of Athens, AL; three special children: Guy Martin of New York, N.Y., Joe Martin of Atlanta, GA and Carl Martin of Florida; a special friend: Sarah Martin of Birmingham, AL; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service



### Processional

- Devotion.....*Deacon Earl Green Sr.*  
Selection.....*St. Mark P. B. Mass Choir*  
Scripture.....*Elder Clarence Johnson*  
Acknowledgments.....*Sister Marie McLin*  
Selection.....*St. Mark P. B. Mass Choir*  
Tributes.....*Sister Lillian Murrah*  
*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church*  
*Elder Eugene Lewis*  
*Moderator of Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association*  
Resolutions.....*Mother Rosie Pickett*  
*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church*  
*Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association*  
*Women's Congress and Mother's Board*  
Selection.....*St. Mark P. B. Mass Choir*  
Solo.....*Sister Odell Washington*  
Eulogy.....*Pastor Kenneth F. Owens*

### Recessional



### Della

*Momma's Life here was full of grace  
Now she's gone to a better place.*

*She'll always be within our hearts because  
Momma played such a very very big part.*

*She song of "God's Amazing Grace,"  
while putting many smiles on our face.*

*She was more than just Momma, Aunt Della,  
or Dah-Dah that we all once knew,  
she was somebody that everybody looked up to.*

*No matter what the problem, Momma seemed to  
understand, maybe even lend a helping hand.*

*But on April 1, 2002 God had a plan  
to give an angel her wings*

*STOP! Listen can't you hear her Singing!  
"Everything is Gonna be Alright" is what Momma  
would say while she walks around Heaven all Day.*

*Love,  
Terrell*