

Pallbearers
Nephews



Honorary Pallbearers
St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church
Deacon Board



Flower Bearers
Nieces



Honorary Flower Bearers
St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church
Mother



Interment
Thurman 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*