

Floral Attendants
Naomi Star Chapter No. 653 OES

Honorary Floral Attendants
St. Luke M. B. Church Sanctuary Choir

Pall Bearers
Athelstine Lodge No. 71 F&AM

Honorary Pall Bearers
Deacons & Trustees of St. Luke Church

Ushers
St. Luke M. B. Church

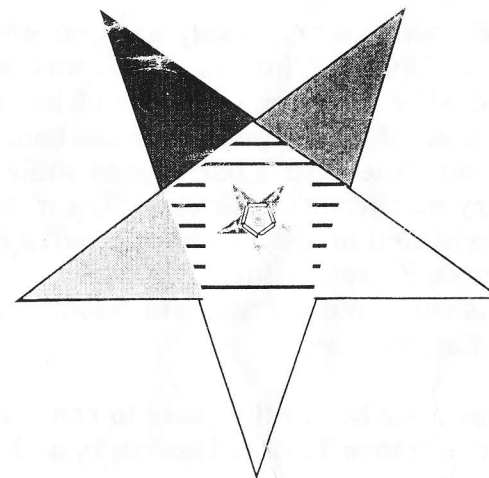
Acknowledgement

The family of Mary Lee Rivers Watkins acknowledges with sincere gratitude and appreciation the many comforting prayers, flowers, cards and the kindness that was shown during the illness and homegoing of "Ms. Mary". May God's richest blessings be every comforting to each of you in the days to come, this is our prayer.

Interment
Thatch & Mann Cemetery
West Hobbs Street - Athens, Alabama

"Body entrusted to Peoples Funeral Home"
Tanner, Alabama
"Service within the means of every family"

Homegoing Services
for
Sister Mary Lee Rivers Watkins
1903 - 1998



Wednesday, June 3, 1998

ST. LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
ELM & NORTH JEFFERSON STREET
ATHENS, ALABAMA

Pastor Anthony Stewart, Officiating

Obituary

"Blessed little memories help us bear the cross, and soften all the bitterness of what we have lost."

Sister Mary Lee Rivers Watkins was born November 28, 1903 in Atlanta, Georgia. Mary's parents preceded her in death, when she was but a very young child. Mary and her brother Hugh Rivers, who also preceded her in death, moved to Athens, Alabama, and lived with her uncle, George Rivers and aunt, Louella Rivers (deceased).

Mary accepted Christ at a very early age and united with Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church. She was employed as a housekeeper, and after many, many years of hard work, retired. Mary was a kindhearted woman, whatever she had, she was willing to share it with you. She always had a good smile and a cheerful personality. Mary was active in her church, a willing worker and always placed Christ first in her life. She served in many capacities at St. Luke. Church Secretary for many years, sang in the Choir, worked in various clubs and a Trustee in Naomi Star Chapter No. 653 Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves to remember her in the years to come a devoted niece, Hattie M. Taylor (Homer Taylor, Husband), and a host of other friends and relatives.

Be Thy Ever Near Me Jesus

Be thy ever near me Jesus, when I'm tempted to go wrong
Be thy ever near me Jesus, and keep me strong
When my burdens get to heavy, and so hard to bear
Be thy ever near me Jesus, I know you always care.

Be Thy Ever Near Me Jesus

When it seem my friends forsake me,
And, I can't go on
Please don't leave me all alone
Be thy near me, near to guide me Jesus dear.

Be Thy Ever Near Me Jesus

Near to guide me on the way
Help me to be an example Lord,
As I go from day to day
Be thy ever near me Jesus, then I know I want stray.

Program

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION _____ Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER _____ Deacon George David

SCRIPTURE _____ "Appointee"

REFLECTIONS: Dr. Stanley D. Hand

Dr. Frank M. Cauthen

Mr. Mike Davis, Probate Judge

Mr. Mack W. David

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS _____ Mrs. Johnnie H. Wilson

RESOLUTION _____ Naomi Star Chapter No. 653 OES

OBITUARY _____ (Soft Music)

SELECTION _____ Sanctuary Choir

EULOGY _____ Pastor Anthony Stewart

SELECTION _____ Sanctuary Choir



"Closing Service - Naomi Star Chapter No. 653 OES"



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