

Pallbearers

The Men of Oak Grove

Flower Bearers

The Women of Oak Grove

Interment

Thatch-Mann Cemetery
Athens, Alabama

Acknowledgment

The family of Mrs. Arbria Malone acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, the comforting messages, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

No Repast

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To

People's Funeral Home
Athens, Alabama



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Celebration of Life

for

Mrs. Arbria Turner Malone

July 30, 1909 - April 22, 2013



Friday, April 26, 2013
Twelve O'clock Noon

Oak Grove
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
11460 Cowford Road * Athens, Alabama

Pastor Hurley Grissom, Officiating

~ Obituary ~

Arbria Turner Malone was born into the family of the late Lillie Turner Yarbrough and Maxie Turner on July 30, 1909 and completed her earthly journey on April 22, 2013. She lived for more than a century, celebrating her "Centennial Birthday" in July 2009. At that time she received birthday commemorations from the President of the United States of America, President Barack Obama and wife Michelle, all of the other living United States Presidents, United States Congressman, State of Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Mayor of the City of Athens, along with a Key to the City, membership in the Alabama Century Club, Willard Scott of NBC Universal Today Show, a feature presentation on WHNT Channel 19, and a grandiose celebration that she often spoke about to the very end. In 2012 she was featured in the Christian Index Magazine, a publication of the Christian Episcopal Methodist Churches throughout the United States and Africa. Siblings preceding her in death were Mazzie Thompson, Carl Turner, Lillie Provens, Albert Turner, and Inez Freeman. She was truly the "Grand Matriarch" of the Turner Family.

Arbria was a faithful Christian. She was raised in the Oak Grove CME Church where she remained as a member. She was a frequent worshipper at Oak Grove until her health failed. Regardless of where she was she loved singing, in the church choir, the congregation, or even at home.

Arbria had a genuine love for her family and the community. She often said "*she loved everybody.*" She was greatly loved by all who met her because she greatly loved all she met. She was especially loved by her Oak Grove Church family. Arbria was married to the late Taze Malone and was the mother of four daughters; three of her daughters, Emma Wiley, Louise Carroll, and Cassie Fraser, and a grandson, Ben Wiley, preceded her death.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories, one sister, Mrs. Hattie Davis, a loving and devoted daughter, Ms. Rosie Turner; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Matthews; four grandsons, Willie King, Pryor Wiley, Jr., Gary Turner, and Michael Wiley; two granddaughters, Delbra Davis and Beverly Fraser; nine great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren; and two great-great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.



Her children shall rise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28

~ Order of Service ~

Processional

Opening Prayer..... Pastor Jeffery Moseley
Sweet Home M. B. Church
Athens, Alabama

Song..... Oak Grove CME Choir

Scripture (Old Testament)..... Elder Ollie Hatchett, Sr.
Presiding Elder
Huntsville CME District

Scripture (New Testament)..... Pastor Gregory Scott
Jackson Chapel CME Church
Courtland, Alabama

Song..... Choir

Acknowledgments..... Sister Deborah Gill

Words of Comfort Pastor Ollie Turner
Jerusalem M. B. Church
Florence, Alabama

Solo..... Sister Mary Freeman

Eulogy Pastor Hurley Grissom
Oak Grove CME Church
Athens, Alabama

Closing Prayer..... Pastor Janice Lewis
Athens CME Church
Gadsden, Alabama

Recessional