

HOMEGOING SERVICES
IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

Mother Margaret Hardin Tibbs



Sunday, August 25, 1991

1:30 O'clock P. M.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

710 Dan Crutcher Road

Toney, Alabama

REVEREND RICHARD L. HAMLET, Th.M.

Pastor and Officiant

COMMEMORATION OF LIFE

(1921 - 1991)

CHRIST HIMSELF SAID, "DO NOT MARVEL AT THIS
BECAUSE THE HOUR IS COMING IN
WHICH ALL THOSE IN THE MEMORIAL
TOMBS WILL HEAR HIS VOICE AND COME OUT."
JOHN 5:28, 29; ACTS 24:15

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," said the apostle Paul. We know that this would be the message if our dear mother were able to give us a message today from the portals of heaven where she has gone to be with the Lord.

To his Thessalonian friends Paul wrote, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye worry not, even as others which have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

Mom, is at peace with God now, and rejoicing in her happy heavenly home. Her life with us was an enjoyable one, mixed with the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

We must not mourn as those without hope, for Mom has gone to get the great reward promised to all who faithfully serve our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MARGARET HARDIN TIBBS, known as "Baby," was born in Madison County, Alabama on August 14, 1921. She was the youngest child of the late Deacon Will and Margaret Hardin. Death sounded its trumpet at Humana Hospital on August 20, 1991 at 4:15 p.m., and Margaret breathed her last breath of life before flying away to be at rest.

Mother Tibbs was joined in holy matrimony to the late Reverend Roosevelt Tibbs in 1941, who preceded her in death on January 12, 1969. To this marital union ten children were born; only one, Martha, preceded them in death.

Mother Tibbs was a lifelong, faithful member of the Mt. Zion M. B. Church. She was a member of the Mothers' Board, the Senior Missionary Society, Choir No. 1, a VBS teacher, and served in various other capacities of the church. She was also a member of the Legion of Friendship Lodge. She worked diligently for the perfecting of the church's ministries beginning with her young days as a christian. Church work was her livelihood and singing was her gift from God, which she used until her death. Her talent of singing for the Lord was activated during her early school and church days. She was a member of the senior choir at Mt. Zion for many years. Later, Mother Tibbs and her husband organized their children into a singing group known as "The Tibbs Family." She used her talents to inspire many throughout Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and other states. One of her favorite songs was "I'm Going to Walk That Milky White Way, One Of These Days." In addition to her singing, she dearly loved fellowshiping with churches everywhere, especially the Round Island Creek M. B. Associational meetings.

In her senior years, Mother Tibbs became involved in the Indian Creek Senior Center where she played an active role in its many activities. She had a special love for the elderly.

Mother Tibbs was truly a devoted christian mother who instilled into her children and others the love for God and each other. She truly believed in family devotion and unity. Left to mourn her passing and to cherish her memory are six daughters, Annie (Woodie) Brazelton, Wilma (Arthur) Booker, Mattie (Ivie) Baker, Joyce (Hugh) Douglass, Vearneal (Rev. James) Childress and Ruby (Rev. Damon) Betts; three sons, Pastor William Roosevelt (Sharon) Tibbs, Pastor Robert (Rev. Bernell) Tibbs and Clyde (Seresa) Tibbs; twenty-eight grandchildren; two sisters, Jessie King and Mary Fearn of Huntsville, Alabama; one brother, Jeff (Vilean) Hardin, Sr. of Harvest, Alabama; brothers-in-law, Matt (Lennie) Tibbs and Robert (Alice) Tibbs; sisters-in-law, Delphia Hardin, Ruby Wiggins, Dessie Turner, Mamie Tibbs, Lillie Turner, Minnie Binford, Daisy (Leonard) Dawson and Christine Major; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO MOM

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far
above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that
he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with
her hands.

She is like the merchants' ship; she bringeth her food from
afar.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to
her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of
her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengthenth
her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle
goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold
the distaff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth
forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all
her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is
silk and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the
elders of the land.
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She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles
unto the merchant.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice
in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is
the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth
not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also,
and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest
them all.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that
feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own words
praise her in the gates.

Order of Service



PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTION *Mass Choir, Mt. Zion M. B. Church*

PRAYER *Dea. Willie J. Leslie*

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament *Rev. Dave McGlathery
Pine Grove M. B. Church*

New Testament *Rev. Julius R. Scruggs
First Missionary Baptist Church*

MUSICAL SELECTION *Choir*

REMARKS

*As a Member of the Round Island Creek M. B.
Senior Missionary Convention Sister Imogene Malone*

As a Christian Mother Mable Crutcher

As a Neighbor Rev. Arthur Hammonds

*As a Member of the Indian Creek
Senior Center Sister Jeanette King*

As Former Pastor Rev. Riley Townsend

TRIBUTE TO MOM *The Children and Grandchildren*

RESOLUTION *Representatives,
Legion of Friendship Organization*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS *Sister Nannie Washington*

MUSICAL SELECTION *"Amazing Grace"*

EULOGY *Pastor Richard L. Hamlet*

SOLO *Sister Mary Driskell*

CLOSING PRAYER *Rev. Wayne Snodgrass
Progressive Union M. B. Church*

MORTICIANS *Royal Funeral Home*

RECESSIONAL

A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

You are not forgotten by loved ones
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

MOM, FOR A WHILE

MOM, WE TRIED FOR A WHILE
TO BE THAT MOM FOR YOU
THAT YOU NEVER KNEW.

WE KEPT YOU CLEAN.
YOUR MEALS WE WOULD BRING.
LYRICS, WE WOULD SING
JUST FOR YOU MOM,
WE DID THOSE THINGS.

WE PUT YOU TO BED,
PUT PILLOWS UNDER YOUR HEAD,
AND WE EVEN READ TO YOU THE DAILY BREAD.

WE COMBED YOUR HAIR.
GOT THE CLOTHES YOU WOULD WEAR,
TOLD YOU HOW PRETTY YOU LOOKED,
AND WITH A SMILE, THE COMPLIMENT YOU TOOK.

WE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT CHRIST
AND WHAT HE HAS BEEN IN OUR LIFE;
AND LIKE A CHILD, YOU GOT YOUR SAY IN AND SAID,
"THAT'S WHO I'M TRUSTING IN."

YES, LIKE A MOM, WE TRIED TO DO IT ALL
DIDN'T EVEN LET YOU FALL.
WE WALKED AND TALKED WITH YOU.
TO YOU OUR LOVE WAS TRUE,
JUST LIKE THE LOVE GOD PROVIDED
THROUGH YOU.

WE LOVE YOU SO.
WE DIDN'T WANT TO LET YOU GO.
WE TRIED OUR BEST
BUT ONLY GOD COULD GIVE YOU REST.

WE WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER.

YOUR CHILDREN

FAREWELL

A MILLION TIMES WE PRAYED FOR YOU.
A MILLION TIMES WE SIGHED,
IF LOVE ALONE COULD HAVE SAVED YOU,
YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER DIED.
IF ALL THE WORLD WERE OURS TO GIVE,
WE WOULD HAVE GLADLY GIVEN IT:
YES, GIVEN IT, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.
TO SEE YOU COMING UP THE WALK AND WALKING
THRU THE DOOR,
TO SEE YOUR SMILE,
TO SIT AND TALK WITH YOU A WHILE:
TO BE WITH YOU THE SAME OLD WAY:
WOULD BE OUR FONDEST DAY.
A HEART OF GOLD STOPPED BEATING,
TWO BRIGHT EYES WERE CLOSED TO REST,
GOD BROKE OUR HEART TO PROVE TO US,
THAT HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.



Active Flower Bearers

Ministers' and Deacons' Wives: Round Island Creek M. B. Association
Mothers: New Hope M. B. and Blanche Chapel M. B. Churches

Honorary Flower Bearers

Mothers: Mt. Zion M. B. and Pine Grove M. B. Churches



Active Pallbearers

Deacons: Mt. Zion M. B., New Hope M. B., and Blanche Chapel
M. B. Churches

Interment

Tibbs Cemetery
Toney, Alabama

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mother Margaret Tibbs wishes to express sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and kindness shown during the illness and passing of their mother. May the Lord continue to bless and keep each of you.

Royal Funeral Home, Directing

“When only memories remains, let them be beautiful.”