

Pall Bearers

Grandsons

Honorary

Deacons of Elkmont Cumberland Presbyterian
Church in America

Flower Bearers

Grand-daughters

Honorary

Mothers of Elkmont Cumberland Presbyterian
Church in America

Interment

Thatch & Mann Cemetery
Athens, Alabama

Repast

Athens Recreation Center
Athens, Alabama

Appreciation

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers and any other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed.

Services Entrusted To
Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
"Our Family Serving Your Family."
Athens, Alabama
(256) 232-1051

Programs by Masheldia M. Green (256) 654-9355

A Celebration of Life

Mother Emma L. Randolph



April 10, 1919

May 2, 2007

"Look Where He Brought Me From"

Monday, May 7, 2007

Eleven O'clock a.m.

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home

322 Highway 31 North

Athens, Alabama 35611

Pastor Reverend Oscar Edmonds, Officiating

A Tribute To Our Mother
"The Rose Is Still Blooming"

I remember being told a story about a girl who admired a rose bush that grew in her backyard near a wooden fence. Every spring the child looked forward to the beautiful roses that bloomed in all their glory.

As spring approached this particular year, the child anxiously awaited the first buds of the season. But to the child's disappointment, all that could be seen of the rose bush was a thick crooked stem without roses. Days passed and still no roses appeared.

The little girl ran to her father in tears and explained that her favorite rose bush no longer bloomed. As the little girl told her story, she looked out of the upstairs window down to the spot where the rose bush sat. From the upstairs window she was able to see the other side of the fence. Suddenly, she screamed with excitement, "Daddy, the roses are not dead! They're on the other side". Sure enough, somehow the rose bush had worked its way through an opening in the fence and was in full bloom on the other side.

Mother, I know that your rose is blooming on the other side now. With this in mind, we shall rejoice in your beauty and glory, for we know you bloom on the other side.

Your loving children,
Felix, Lois, Melvin, Helen, Maxine, Connie and John



Obituary

Mother Emma L. Randolph, daughter of the late John Brown and Fannie Mae Smith Brown, was born April 10, 1919 in Pulaski, Tennessee. Orphaned at the age of 12, she and her three siblings were raised by "Uncle Noah" and "Aunt Elizabeth" Smith in Prospect, TN. She departed her earthly life on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at home.

She united in marriage to Ulice Randolph Sr. who preceded her in death. To this union twelve children were born, five preceded her in death, Bobby Randolph, Ray Randolph, Mary Randolph Phillips, Ulice Randolph Jr., and Carrie Randolph Powell. Her sister, Emma Ruth Brown Kendrick, two brothers, Hartsel Brown and John H. Brown, three half sisters and three half brothers also preceded her death.

Sister Randolph accepted Christ at an early age. She united with Elkmont CPCA Church where she worked faithfully until her health failed. She was a member of the Mother's Board and involved in many other capacities within her church and community. Her education was primarily self-learned. She used this knowledge as a necessary means of survival. She was a woman with a lending hand, willing and caring spirit. She mastered skills such as gardening, cooking and a lifelong passion for quilting. Her loving spirit will be missed by many. She lived her life with the Lord as the head of her life, her church and her family.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving family of three sons, Felix Randolph (Caulyn) and Melvin Randolph of Athens, Alabama and John R. Randolph of Florence, Alabama; four daughters, Lois Wiley and Maxine Randolph of Athens, Alabama, Helen Randolph of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Connie Gross (Lawrence) of Goldsboro, North Carolina; 23 grandchildren, 24 great-children, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, church family and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Oscar Edmonds
 Elkmont Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
 Officiating

Prelude

- Processional*..... Derrick T. Davis
- Selection*..... Elkmont C.P.C.A. Choir
- Scripture*..... Elder William Edward Randolph
 Pleasant Hill P. B. Church
- Prayer*..... Elder Joey McWilliam
- Selection*..... Elkmont C.P.C.A. Choir
- Tributes / Remarks*..... Family and Friends
- Selection*..... Elkmont C.P.C.A. Choir
- Words of Comfort* Reverend Oscar Edmonds

Benediction

Recessional / Solo Bro. James Yarborough

Interment and Committal

