

*- Pall Bearers -*

Deacons of St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church



*- Honorary Pall Bearers -*

Grandsons



*- Flowers Bearers -*

Mothers of St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church



*- Honorary Flowers Bearers -*

Granddaughters



*- Interment -*

Thatch-Mann Cemetery

*- Acknowledgement -*

We extend sincere thanks and gratitude to all for your prayers, comforting words, visits and the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during this period of bereavement.

- The Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted To  
**PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME**  
12060 Highway 31, South  
Athens, Alabama 35611

*Homegoing Celebration  
for*

*Mother ALENE Southard*

December 14, 1920

December 2, 2004



Monday, December 6, 2004  
Twelve O'clock Noon

*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church*  
Athens, Alabama 35611

Elder Kenneth F. Owens, Sr., Officiating



## The Obituary



We, the family consider ourselves truly blessed to have had *Alene W. "Mama Nean" Southard* in our lives.

She departed this life on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 7:50 a.m. But God allowed her 83 years of a blessed life. She was born December 14, 1920, in Limestone County. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Bell Washington.

Mama Nean was united in holy matrimony to the late Robert Lee "Rob" Southard on April 14, 1939, from this union came four children.

Mama Nean confessed hope in Christ in 1954. She was a member of St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church.

Mama Nean leaves to cherish her loving memory **three daughters:** Jimmie "Jan" (Edward) Horton of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and Carrie Roberts, Stella (Earl) Green both of Huntsville, AL; **one son:** Bobby G. Southard of Chicago, Illinois; **one niece** she raised as a daughter, Eloise Townsend (D.J.) of Athens, AL; **one sister:** Lura Bailey of Dayton, OH; **two brothers:** Orsten Washington (Eva) of Athens, AL and John Washington (Mary) of Cincinnati, OH; thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, fourteen great great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon His earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He takes only the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain,  
He also knew in Heaven.  
The day God called you home.

You would never hurt again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills harder to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be Thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For a part of us went with you

## Order of Service



### Processional

Opening Selection ..... St. Mark P.B. Church No. 1 Choir

Opening Song & Prayer ..... Deacon Jim Green

Scripture ..... Appointee

Acknowledgements ..... Sister Lillian Murrah

Solo ..... Deacon Arthur Jordan

Obituary (Read Silently) ..... Soft Music

Selection ..... St. Mark No. 1 Choir

Eulogy ..... Elder Kenneth F. Owens Sr.

Closing Prayer ..... Deacon John Wood

### Recessional

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