

*Honorary Pall Bearers*

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*Interment*

Lakeview Cemetery



*Final Arrangements Entrusted To*  
**PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME**  
*Athens, Alabama 35611*

*Celebration of the Life*  
*of*

*Mrs. Bessie Mae Bridgeforth Maclin*



*Friday, October 29, 2004*

*11:00 a.m.*

*First Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Decatur, Alabama*

*Pastor Herbert Cartwright, Jr.*  
*Officiating*





## *The Obituary*



On Thursday morning, October 21, 2004, God plucked another beautiful flower from his garden, gently closed the eyes of our beloved Bessie, took her into His arms and carried her home to eternal peace and rest.

Bessie Mae Bridgeforth Maclin was born on July 31, 1921, in Tanner, Alabama to the late Bascom and Razzie Townsend Bridgeforth.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and joined Beulah Land Methodist Church.

She was united in marriage to Thomas E. Maclin on October 2, 1937 and to this union two daughters were born.

After moving to Cleveland, Ohio she joined Mt. Herman Missionary Baptist Church where she was active in several ministries to include the Nurses Guild, The Matrons Society and the "Babies and Tots Nursery" which she organized and worked with for twenty-six years.

Upon moving back from Ohio to Alabama she joined the First Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur where she was President of the Deaconess Ministry for several years.

Bessie was preceded in death by five brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted husband, Thomas E. Maclin, two daughters: Mary Elizabeth LaRue (George) of Indianapolis, Indiana and Geraldine Babb (Robert) of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister: Vivian Smith of Tanner, Alabama; two grand daughters: Robin and Cheryl Babb of Cleveland, Ohio; four great-grandchildren: Dushone, Tomikia, Senequa and Damon; two great great-grand children: William and Tyrique; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.



*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."*

*- Psalm 121:1*



## *L'Envoi*

When earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are  
twisted and dried,  
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic  
has died,  
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it – lie down for an  
eon or two,  
'Til the Master of all good workmen shall put us to work  
anew!

And those that were good shall be happy; they shall sit in  
a golden chair;  
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas, with brushes of  
comet's hair;  
They shall find real saints to draw from – Magdalene,  
Peter and Paul;  
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired  
at all;

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master  
shall blame,  
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work  
for fame,  
But each for the joy of the working and each, in his  
separate star,  
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the God of things as  
they are!

*By Rudyard Kipling*

## *Order of Service*



Processional

Selection ..... Choir

Prayer and Scripture ..... Minister John M. Owens

Selection ..... Choir

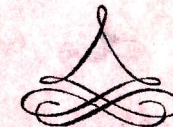
Acknowledgements ..... Clara J. Johnson

Solo ..... Julia Conwell

Eulogy ..... Pastor Herbert Cartwright, Jr.

Recessional

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*Peoples Funeral Home in Charge*

## *Expression of Gratitude*

We can't find adequate words to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness and love to all who helped us so much during this hour of bereavement. Because you cared we're grateful indeed. You've been a comfort and friends in need. Because you cared, we're praying too for God's richest blessings on each of you.

*The Maclin Family*