



*A Celebration of Life and  
Remembrance  
For  
Mattie Jolly (Lewis) Brown  
"Muh"*

*January 28, 1926 - June 9, 2012*

*Thursday, June 14, 2012  
1:00p.m.*

*St. James C.P. Church in America  
900 Moulton Street West  
Decatur, AL 35601*

*The Reverend Michael Jones, Pastor*

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*Order of Service*

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*Obituary*

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*In Loving Memory*



# Order of Service

*Prelude*  
*Processional*  
*Selection*.....*St. James CPCA Choir*  
*Prayer*.....*Elder Steven Thomas*  
*Old Testament (Scripture Reading)*.....*Pastor George Smith*  
*New Testament (Scripture Reading)*.....*Bishop Charles Rogers*  
*Selection*.....*St. James CPCA Choir*  
*Obituary (Read Silently)*.....*Soft Music*  
*Tributes to Mother*

*Mrs. Benita Owens*  
*Pastor Gloria Pearson*

*As a Friend*.....*Sis. Merlene Hollins*  
*Acknowledgements*.....*Dr. Claudette Owens*  
*Selection*.....*St. James CPCA Choir*  
*Eulogy*.....*Pastor Michael Jones*  
*Selection*.....*The Johnson Brothers*  
*Closing Prayer*.....*Pastor Ben Burt*  
*Recessional (Selection)*.....*St. James CPCA Choir*

## *Interment*

Calvary Memorial Gardens

## *Repast*

St. James CPCA

## *Flower Girls*

Granddaughters

Great Granddaughters

## *Pall Bearers*

Mario Marshall

Julius Marshall

Malcolm Shackelford

Emmanuel Johnson

John Lewis Jr.

James Shackelford Jr.

Willie Pitts

David Pitts

Daryl Mosley

Keith Lewis

## *Acknowledgements*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your prayers and support during a very difficult time for our family. We sincerely appreciate your sentiments of love.

We would also like to send a special thank you to Decatur Health and Rehab staff and CNA's who worked diligently with our mother.

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# Life Reflections

Mattie Jolly (Lewis) Brown, a native of Limestone County and referred to by many as "Honey", was born on January 28, 1926. She entered into everlasting peace on Saturday June 9, 2012.

She was the youngest daughter born to the late Jerry Jolly and Esther Robinson Jolly. Two brothers preceded her in death, Samuel and Henry Jolly. Mattie was united in holy matrimony to the late Timothy Lewis Jr. From that union ten children were born; three of whom preceded her in death: Mae Emma Lewis (1963); Roosevelt Lewis (2001); and Willie T. Lewis (2004).

Mattie confessed hope in Christ at an early age. She was baptized and joined New Hope C.P.C.A. of Madison, Alabama. While there she served in the church choir and the usher ministry. Mattie later relocated to Trinity, Alabama where she became an active member of the Trinity community. She became a faithful and diligent member of the Springhill Missionary Baptist Church and served on the Mother Board, Missionary Ministry, and Senior Choir. After relocating to the Decatur area she joined the St. James C.P.C.A. in Decatur, Alabama where she faithfully served with the Board of Mothers and Missionary Ministry. Mattie was a devoted member and maintained a deep love for her Church Family and her Pastor. After her health began to fail and she was unable to attend worship services, she cherished the visits from her beloved Church Family and Pastor. Mattie endured and stood firm on the Word of God. She enjoyed studying the Word and had a deep love for Bible Study and Sunday School.

Mattie was a Certified Nurse Technician for over 35 years at Baugh & Wiley Hospital and Parkway Medical Center. It was at Parkway Medical Center where she met a new love of her life, the late Madison Brown. She and Madison Brown were united in holy matrimony and devoted themselves to each other until Madison's death.

Mattie was a proud member and Worthy Matron of the National Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star No. 40 where she was committed as long as her health allowed.

Embarking under the umbrella of Eastern Star, she and eight close friends formulated their own club, "Eight is Enough" whereby the ladies would fellowship, share the Word of God and encourage each other, later adding on "The Prayer Band Ministry."

She partnered with Decatur Community Action where she shared her love and compassion with the children of the Boys and Girls Club and served as a foster grandparent working at the West Morgan and West Decatur Elementary Schools. Mattie embraced all who came into her presence and was always willing to give her testimony of the goodness of Jesus.

While a resident of the Decatur Health and Rehabilitation Center, Mattie was crowned "Mrs. Decatur Health and Rehabilitation Queen 2008, and inducted into the Decatur Red Hat Club as an Honorary Red Member in 2010.

On Saturday June 9, around 11:09 A.M., our Muh's statement to us was that of Timothy; "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." 2Timothy 4:6-8.

Mother Brown loved and cherished her family, often times bragging about all her children. She was a mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: **five daughters:** Queen (Billy Joe) Pitts of Somerville, Alabama; Mattie Lewis of Huntsville, AL; Mary (Eddie) Marshall; Gloria (Harold) Pearson; and Benita (Dwight) Owens, all of Decatur, AL. **two sons:** John (Julia) Lewis of Chattanooga, TN; and Jessie (Linda) Lewis of Rock Hill, SC.; **one stepson,** Charles (Zella) Brown of Decatur, AL; **one stepdaughter,** Shirley Gresham of Austin, TX; **26 grandchildren** (3 of whom predeceased her), **51 great grandchildren** (1 who predeceased her) and **9 great-great grandchildren;** **one brother:** Thomas (Diane) Jolly, of Decatur, AL; **one sister:** Mae Ella Pickett of Huntsville, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



## Obituary

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## *"Tribute to Our Muh"*

*Muh was our angel from heaven,  
God sent us all down to share  
He gave us the chance to love her  
And feel the comfort of having her there.  
A wife, mother, and grandmother too!  
This is the legacy we got from her.  
The family grew larger each year,  
And each she loved so much,  
And so when God came to take her home,  
She wasn't in a rush.  
She showed us all her strength and love,  
By fighting hard to stay,  
So God sent down, those she'd loved and  
lost  
To show her it was ok.  
And as we cry at saying goodbye there  
are those beyond sight but near  
For Mae Emma, Rosie, and Buddy, who  
are already home  
Will be shouting, "look, Muh is here"*

*So let us all smile and wipe our tears,  
And rejoice that we knew her at all,  
For as a gift God lent us,  
the loveliest angel of all.*

*We sat beside your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed and sore;  
We did our best to the end;  
'Til we could do no more;  
In tears we watched you sinking,  
We watched you fade away.  
And though our hearts were breaking;  
We knew Muh could not stay.  
You left behind some aching hearts,  
That loved you most sincere;  
We never shall and never will  
forget our Muh  
whom we love so dear!*

*Children & Grandchildren*



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