

*In Loving Memory*

*of*

*Sister Katie Jean Ratliff*



**August 26, 1952**

**October 29, 2002**

*Saturday, November 2, 2002*  
*11:00 A.M.*

**St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church**  
**740 W. Sanderfer Road**  
**Athens, Alabama 35611**

**Reverend Kenneth F. Owens, Sr.,**  
*Pastor and Officiant*

# OBITUARY

*The Lord is my Shepherd.....Psalm 23:1*

## THE LIFE

**KATIE was loving and very sweet  
She was always the same to anyone she would meet.**

**KATIE was full of laughter and life  
She was a devoted Mother and a loving Wife.**

**We as her friends and especially her family loved her so much,  
We're going to miss her smile and even her touch.**

**W never know what God has in His plans  
But sometimes it's not for us to understand.**

**God does things that are for the best  
Everyday of our lives He put us to a test.**

**No more suffering, no more pain  
For God gave us the clouds and even the rain.**

**No matter which got in her way  
She fought until the end each and every day.**

**She had a determination to do what was right,  
As God said in His Word He's coming like a thief in the night.**

**I love all my family and even my friends  
But my time down here has come to an end.**

**Written BY:  
Shawn and Porsha French**

**S**ister **Katie Jean Ratliff** was born to the late Mr. John and Martha Woods on August 26, 1952. She stepped across the threshold, that we call death, but it was only a step into another room of Our Father's House on October 2002 at 11:00 A.M.

Sister Ratliff confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined the St. Mark Church Family. She remained a faithful church member, serving the No. 2 Choir, No. 2 Usher Board and as an active Sunday School Teacher, until her health began to fail.

Katie attended Trinity High School, Limestone County, and married Mr. Charles Wilson and to this union two sons were born.

Later, Sister Ratliff married Mr. Ronnie Ratliff on October 10, 1989. Katie had a brother Dave Woods and a sister, Eula Woods who preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories a loving husband, Ronnie Ezell Ratliff; two devoted sons, Gregory Dewayne Wilson, and Lamont Anthony (Angel) Wilson, both of Athens, Alabama; three brothers, Johnny (Bobbye) Woods of Indianapolis, Indiana, and William (Mattie Pearl) Woods, and Wade Woods all of Athens, Alabama; four sisters, Odell (Homer) French, Alice Jean (George) Jones, Nancy Ann Woods, and Minnie Woods all of Athens, Alabama; four grandchildren, Tiera, Torey, Tamera and Tessa Wilson all of Athens, Alabama; two stepchildren, Shawn Cosby and Lisa Cosby both of Athens, Alabama; two uncles, L. C. (Addie) Bailey of Athens and Willie (Louie) Bailey of Dayton, Ohio; seven aunts, Dessie Jones, Linda Jackson and Doris Ann Cogdell of Ohio, and Alice Woods, Margie Bell, Hattie Malone and Mae Ella Malone of Athens, Alabama; a special niece, Marcellina Woods that provided "Special Care" for her "Aunt Katie" and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION.....Poplar Creek Mass Choir

OPENING PRAYER.....Elder Tommy Malone

SCRIPTURE.....Appointee

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Sister Saundra Sizemore

REFLECTIONS:

AS A CHURCH MEMBER.....Mother Stella Green

AS A FRIEND.....Sister Saundra Sizemore

AS A NEIGHBOR.....Sister Pam Dockery

SELECTION.....Poplar Creek Mass Choir

OBITUARY.....(Read Silently).....Soft Music

SELECTION.....Poplar Creek Mass Choir

EULOGY.....Pastor Kenneth F. Owens, Sr.

SOLO.....Sister Debra Woods

CLOSING PRAYER.....Deacon Earl Green, Sr.

SOLO.....Deacon Arthur Jordan

MORTICIAN.....Peoples Funeral Home

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## PSALM 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



## Honorary Pallbearers

*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church Deacon Board*

## Active Pallbearers

*Nephews*

## Honorary Flower Bearers

*St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church Mother Board*

## Active Flower Bearers

*Nieces*

## Interment and Committal

*Thatch-Mann Cemetery  
Athens, Alabama*

## Thank You

*The family of the late Sister Katie Jean Ratliff would like to express their deepest feeling of thanks for all acts of kindness and words of condolence extended to the during the illness and death of their loved one.*

*--The Family*

**Final Arrangements Entrusted to:**

**Peoples Funeral Home  
Athens, Alabama**