

CELEBRATION

OF THE

HOMEGOING

OF

Mr. Eugene Edward Hobbs, Sr.

1927 - 1986



Tuesday, November 18, 1986
One O'clock P.M.

Village View United Methodist Church
Athens, Alabama

REVEREND CURRY BROWN, *Officiating*

Obituary

Jesus said, "Come with me, by yourselves,
to a quiet place
and get some rest."

—MARK 6:31

EUGENE EDWARD HOBBS, SR. was the sixth child born to Willie D. Hobbs and Maggie Malone on April 28, 1927 in Columbia, Tennessee.

His family moved to Athens when he was very young, but he had no problems adjusting to his new environment. He received his formal education in the public schools of Athens, Alabama.

When he arrived at the point of manhood in his life, he sparked an acquaintance with Earline Eleanor Griffis, the "Girl of his Dreams," and asked for her hand in marriage. She consented and they were married November 19, 1946 (forty years ago tomorrow). To this union three children were born — two sons and one daughter. One son, Eugene Edward Hobbs, Jr., preceded him in death.

"Gene," as he was fondly called by many, was a very good-natured guy. He made friends easily and always found himself helping others. Many of his friends and neighbors would attest to the fact that he would always avail himself to do for others as he saw the need, or was asked to do a job. He had little regard for time when he undertook a task, for he was not a clock-watcher. To get the job done regardless of how much time it took, was more important to him than anything else. Gardening was one of his favorite pasttimes, and he always believed in sharing the fruits of his labor with others. He took pride in the things he did. Gene was gainfully employed for many years and being a retired TVA employee, he kept his membership active with the American Association of Retired Persons.

Unfortunately, yet according to God's will, "Gene" became ill and was hospitalized several times. While trying to overcome his illness, he found himself searching for that inner strength that was so necessary for him to courageously, face each day. During late summer he found that inner strength and acknowledged that his faith, hope and trust was in God and he accepted Christ as his living Savior. "Gene" was baptized by the Reverend Curry Brown one week prior to his death, becoming a member of the Village View United Methodist Church, Athens, Alabama. Finally, an end came to "Gene's" suffering on Thursday, November 13, 1986 at 10:45 p.m. in the Athens-Limestone Hospital.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but those who will miss him most are a dear and caring wife, Mrs. Earline Griffis Hobbs, Athens, Alabama; one son, Russell Dean Hobbs and wife, Furlinda, Athens, Alabama; one daughter, Ms. Shelbye Beatrice Hobbs, Tanner, Alabama; a loving mother, Mrs. Maggie Ratliff; a step-father, Mr. Jim Ratliff, both of Athens, Alabama; three brothers, Thomas Hobbs and George Erskine Hobbs of Rockford, Illinois, and Charles Lyons of Louisville, Kentucky; four sisters, Mrs. Mable L. Moore and husband, Collis of Rockford, Illinois, Mrs. Mary E. Hill and "Dru" of Rockford, Illinois, Mrs. Shirley J. Cosby of Athens, Alabama, and Mrs. Eula Mae Askins of Athens, Alabama; one step-brother, Mr. Robert Ratliff of Athens, Alabama; two step-sisters, Mrs. Pearlina Baker of Athens, Alabama, and Mrs. Willie Mae Cabiknor of Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers-in-law, Mr. Ellis M. Griffis and wife, Catherine of Rockford, Illinois, and Mr. Earl E. Griffis of Gary, Indiana; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Thelma L. Sisson and husband, Hoover of Jackson, Michigan; one aunt, Mrs. Pearl Baugh of Nashville, Tennessee; one uncle, Mr. William H. Malone of Athens, Alabama; nine grandchildren, one of which he reared, Sheldon Jamison Hobbs; three great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

SOMETIME WE'LL UNDERSTAND

*Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the Better Land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, sometime, we'll understand.*

*We'll catch the broken threads again,
And finish what we here began;
Heav'n will the mysteries explain,
And then, ah, then, we'll understand.*

*We'll know why clouds instead of sun
Were over many a cherished plan;
Why song has ceased, when scarcely begun;
'Tis there, sometime, we'll understand.*

*God knows the way, He holds the key,
He guides with unerring hand,
Sometimes with tearless eyes we'll see,
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.*

*Then trust in God through all thy days;
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;
Though dark the way, still sing and praise;
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.*

—MAXWELL N. CORNELIUS

Program



- PROCESSIONAL “Abide With Me”
- SELECTION *Village View U. M. Church Choir*
“God Will Take Care of You”
- SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER *Rev. Charlie Nelson, Pastor*
Antioch C. P. Church
Athens, Alabama
- SELECTION *Village View U. M. Church Choir*
“We’ll Understand it Better By and By”
- WORDS OF COMFORT *Rev. William Robinson, Pastor*
St. James C. P. Church
Jeff, Alabama
- A TRIBUTE AS A FRIEND *Mr. J. D. Clanton, Assistant Superintendent*
Limestone County Schools
Athens, Alabama
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS *Mrs. Betty Sue McDaniel*
- SPECIAL MUSIC—“Beyond the Sunset” *Mrs. Catherine House*
Mrs. Arnell Howell
Mrs. Nettie Pryor
- OBITUARY (*Read in Complete Silence*)
- EULOGY *Rev. Curry Brown, Pastor*
Village View United Methodist Church
Athens, Alabama
- SOLO “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”
- BENEDICTION
- RECESSIONAL “Lord, I’m Coming Home”



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INTERMENT
THATCH-MANN CEMETERY

*Ah! there on eagle wings we soar,
Where sin and sense molest no more;
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
And glory crowns the mercy seat.*

—HUGH STOVALL

Active Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Fred Allen

Mr. Thurll A. Baldwin

Mr. Walter Brown

Mr. Nelson Howell

Mr. Johnny Pryor, Sr.

Mr. Roosevelt Seay

Honorary Pallbearers

STEWARDS OF THE VILLAGE VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Active Flower Bearers

Mrs. Ruth Harris

Mrs. Sadie Malone

Mrs. Elise Mitchell

Mrs. Elizabeth Mosley

Mrs. Earline Wiley

Mrs. Mary Ann Williams

Honorary Flower Bearers

STEWARDESSES OF THE VILLAGE VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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In Deep Appreciation

The family of the late Mr. Eugene Edward Hobbs, Sr. wishes to thank their many friends and relatives for all acts and expressions of kindness extended during the illness and death of their loved one.

May God richly bless each of you, and keep you in His care.