

## *Pallbearers*

*Samuel Hardy.....Morris Malone*  
*Richard Cosby.....Johnny Pryor, Jr.*  
*Alnis Wiley.....Nathaniel Mitchell*

## *Flower Bearers*

*Catherine Reedus.....Maxine Pulley*  
*Elise Mitchell.....Helen McPin.....Dorothy Wiley*

## *Acknowledgement*

*Life's completeness and richness always depends on what we  
share with loved ones and friends. Your caring and sharing in so  
many ways lightened our burdens and brightened our days.*

*We are grateful to each of you.  
The Mason-Townsend Family*

*Services entrusted to:  
Mason Funeral Home  
718 Brownsferry Street  
Athens, Alabama 35611  
(256)232-4822*

## *A Homegoing Celebration For*

*Will Alyce Mason Townsend*



## *Services*

*Tuesday, March 25, 2003  
Village View Methodist Church  
Athens, Alabama  
1:00 p.m.  
Dr. James Johnson, Officiating*

## Obituary

*Mrs. Will Alyce Mason Townsend, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mason, was born on November 15, 1910, in Limestone County Athens, Alabama. She was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 16, 2003, in the presence of her loving family.*

*Will Alyce united in marriage to the late James F. Townsend. To this union a daughter, Tharlene, was born.*

*The confessed Christ at an early age. She received her education at Trinity High School, Athens, Alabama and went on to receive a Bachelors degree in Science at Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama.*

*She worked for the Limestone County Board of Education as an Elementary Teacher for 47 years before retiring. She owned Townsend Beauty Salon for 16 years and she was the Musical Director for the Athens Community Choir for 15 years, where she traveled to different states singing Gods praises. She was a member of Village View Methodist Church in Athens, Alabama where she was the pianist and the organist. After moving to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to live with her daughter, she joined Union Baptist Church. She loved the Lord.*

*She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Tharlene Townsend Whittaker, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; three Goddaughters, Lula Robinson, Elizabeth Mosely and Laura Pettlers, three grandchildren, Andrian, James, Jr. ( wife Gina) who preceded her in death and Jachell, great-grandchildren, Bradric, James, Jr., Lauren, Jache', Dana, Angel and Justin, eight nephews, Mack, Jr., Kevin, Mack, Jr., John, Victor, Harold, Ronald and Billy, eleven nieces, Ida, Ann, Phyllis, Jean, Karen, Sharon, Judy, Gail C., Edna, Martha and Gail T., ten great-nephews, 11 great-nieces and a host of other relatives and friends.*



## Don't

Don't spend to much time in mourning-tears are for the sad;

I left to be with Jesus and that should make you glad.

Don't waste your time in grieving; no need to feel distress;

I am tired of life's frustrations and had to get some rest.

Don't vex yourself with questions or try to reason why;

Life for me has ended-it came time for me to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you-grow it with your care;

Grow it with devotion and spread it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way;

We will have another meeting in God's Eternal Day.

God saw I was getting weary, He did what he thought was best;

He came and stood beside me , and whispered, "Come rest."

I bade not even a last farewell-no, not even a goodbye;

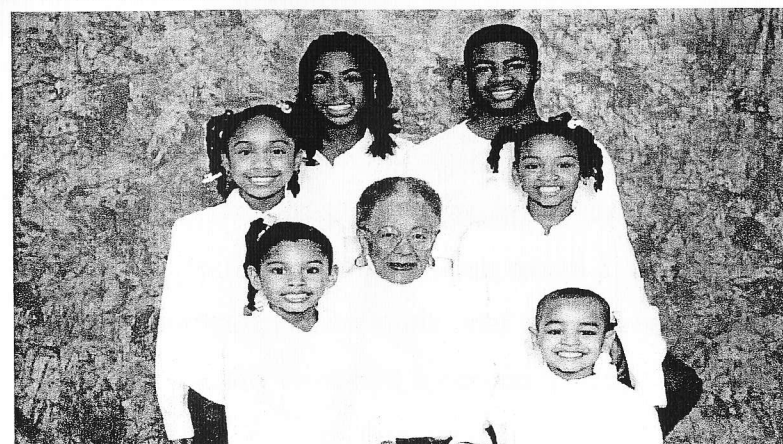
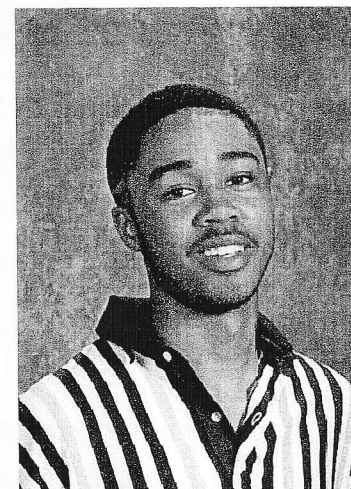
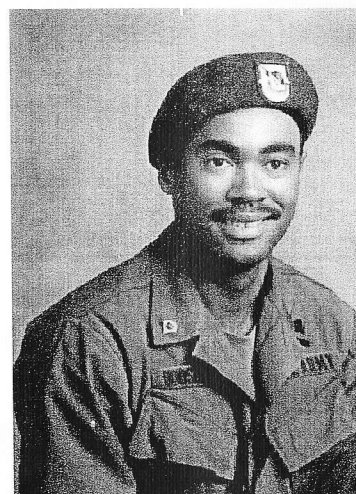
I was gone before you knew it and only God knows why.



### Until God Calls Us Together Again

Even though you are not here, you are not gone because you have left a part of yourself in each of us. Yes, we will miss you dearly Nana. But when we look at each other we will see you and when we talk to each other we will hear you. So rest our dear Nana, sleep with the Angels until God calls us together again. Thou shalt call and I will answer Thee, Yes Lord.

Your Grandchildren







### Today I Lost My Mother

Today I lost my mother, my sister, my best friend. Like a mother she cherished, she laughed with, and she embraced me. Like a sister she joked, she shared, and she loved me. Like a best friend, she listened, she confided, she was there for me.

And today I lost my best friend. I've learned one thing about this kind of friendship. It does not happen everyday and I've been blessed to share:

the warmth, the smiles, the hapiness, the tears the moments good or bad, my mother was still there. I know our friendship is forever.

I can't be sad for her, she's been promoted to a better place. I will miss her.

Sharlene

## Order of Service

### Union Baptist Church

*Musical Selection*..... "God Will Take Care Of You" ..... Choir  
"Because I'm Safe In His Arms"

*Scripture*..... Rev. Levell

*Expression & Prayer*..... Rev. Timothy Williams

*Musical Selection*..... (Tribute To Mother)..... Choir  
Sharlene

*My Grandmother*..... Jachell & Andrian

*Musical Selection*..... The Mason Family

*Acknowledgements & Condolences*..... Church Clerk

*Polo*..... by her nephew, Rev. W.M. Mason

*Eulogy*..... Rev. Sylvester Hunter

*Recessional*..... "Going Up Yonder" ..... Choir

*Interment*..... Thatch Mann Cemetery  
Athens, Alabama

*Services will continue in:*

Athens, Alabama

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Village View Methodist Church

1:00 p.m.