

**ACTIVE PALL BEARERS**

**GRANDSON'S**

**HONORARY PALL BEARERS**

*Deacon's Board of Little Ezekiel M. B. Church*

**ACTIVE FLOWER GIRLS**

**GRAND DAUGHTER'S**

**HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS**

*Mother's Board of Little Ezekiel M. B. Church*

*Acknowledgments*

The family wishes to thank their many friends for all the kind expressions of sympathy shown during the illness and death of our loved one. Your visits, prayers, flowers, cards, food and thoughts will brighten the lonely days ahead.

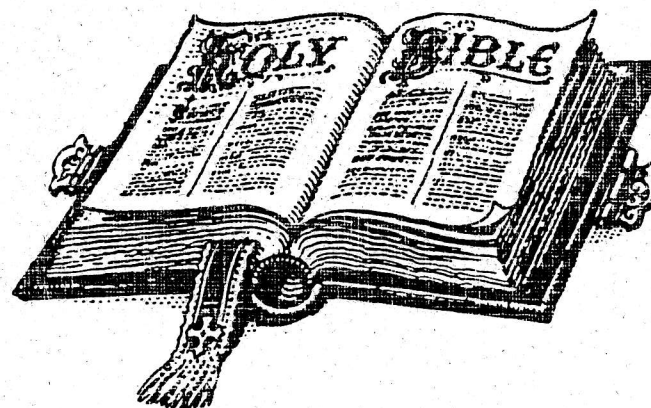
**Mason's Funeral Home - Directing**

***Interment: Hatchett Cemetery***

*Homegoing Celebration*

*for*

***Deacon Willie G. Townsend***



**1928 - 2000**

*Wednesday, July 26, 2000*

*1:00 p.m.*

**Little Ezekiel M. B. Church**

**16439 Lindsay Road**

**Tanner, AL 35671**

*Bro. Charles N. Simmons, Officiating*

## OBITUARY

Deacon Willie G. Townsend was born on April 28, 1928 to the late Henry & Minnie Townsend. He departed this life on Sunday morning, July 23, 2000. He was married to Katie Williams Townsend. To this union eight children were born. He confessed hope in Christ at an early age and became a member of Little Ezekiel M. B. Church, where he remained a faithful member until his health failed. Over the years he served in many capacities: superintendent of the Sunday school, senior choir member and deacon's board. He was known at Little Ezekiel for his many testimonies on "What God Can Do If You Just Keep The Faith". He was a retired employee of 3M Company, Decatur, AL.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Katie Townsend. Four sons: Curtis Townsend (*Geraldine*), Athens, AL, Thomas Townsend (*Bessie*), Timothy Townsend (*Sara*), Terry Townsend (*Tamatha*), Tanner, AL. Four daughters: Alice Hines (*Will*), Tanner, AL, Betty Gilbert, Shirley Troupe (*Berthold*), Mary Freeman (*James*), Athens, AL. 25 Grand children, 19 Great Grand children. One brother, Sandford Townsend, Athens, AL, One Sister, Katherine Russell, Athens, AL. One brother-in-law, Curtis Williams, Athens, AL. Three Sister-in-laws, Lona B. White, Dayton, Ohio, Nellie Townsend and Verolyn Townsend, Athens, AL. A host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and friends.

*From A Piece Of A Flower*

*This flower that came, this flower that bloomed,  
We expected this day, it wasn't so soon.  
God watched over us and prepared us for this day,  
When he would call his son, cause this is not where he stay.  
Here before us lies a man full with pride,  
He died the way we all want to- with his family at his side.  
His sons, daughters, nieces and nephews.  
Now he's in God's church - sitting in his pews.  
His grand boys, grand girls and also his great grand babies.  
It's one thing I won't forget, the way he raised me.  
He left us all a message to remember inside  
He told Mama Katie he wasn't going to miss that glory train ride.  
So ride on Daddy 'G' to that Heavenly Shore,  
To be with Jesus forever more.*

*We Love You Daddy 'G'  
The Grand Kids*

Written by: Timothy, Jr. - (J.R.)

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Little Ezekiel Mass Choir

Song & Prayer

Dea. James Lucas

Scripture

Minister Sam Wright

Solo

Sis. Ada Mae Leslie

Obituary

*Read Silent*

Soft Music

Selection

Mass Choir

Acknowledgments

Sis. Imogene Malone

Selection

Mass Choir

Eulogy

Pastor Charles Simmons

Solo

Bro. Thomas Moore

Recessional

*"I Can Hardly Wait To Get There"*

*Life is so hard down here, with troubles pressing on every side;  
It's hard to survive.  
But I find strength in knowing this world is not my home,  
Heaven is where I belong.  
I'm going to that land that my savior promised me, up in heaven  
is where I'll be. No more heartache, no more pain.  
I can't hardly wait to get there.  
Nothing compares to my home up in glory that God has for me.  
A land so bright and fare I'll give everything I have  
because I want to be there.  
A land of milk and honey, streets are paved with gold,  
I will sing his praises when I get home.*

Written by: "Terry"