

In Loving Memory

of

Theresa Hunter



~ Service ~

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

1:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

201 N. Mount St.

Fairfield, Texas 75840

Superintendent L. J. Manning

Officiant

May the Work We Done Speak for Me ~ May I Go Now

Tribute to Mother

Tributes to Grandmother

Tribute ~ Celebration of Life



*May the Work I've Done
Speak for Me*

*May the work I've done speak for me
When I'm resting in my grave
There is nothing that can be said.*

*May the life I live speak for me
When the best I try to live
My mistakes He will forgive.*

*May the work I've done - It seems so small,
Sometimes it seems like nothing at all.*

*But when I stand before my God
I want to hear Him say
"Well done my faithful servant."
May the work I've done speak for me.*

May I Go Now

*Do you think the time is right?
May I say good-bye to pain filled days
And endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
An example I tried to be.
So, can I take that step beyond
And set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now*



*To a warm and loving light.
I want to go, I really do.
But I will try as best I can
To live just one more day,
To give you time to care for me
And share your love and fears,
I know you're sad and afraid,
Because I feel your tears.*



*I'll not be far.
I promise that and hope you always know
That my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.
Thank you so for loving me, you know I love you too,
That's why it's been hard to say good-bye
And end this life with you.
So hold me now, just one more time
And let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me
You'll let me go today.*

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"Hello Mother"

When I was little, you took care of me. If I were wrong, you told me. Your love and support were steady and strong.

You made many sacrifices for me. You went without new clothes so I could have nice clothes.

You insisted that I go to school and get an education. For you making me do that, I am grateful.

As I grew older, we had many heart to heart talks. Mother to son talks, and friend to friend talks. You not only were my mother, but my best friend.

You prayed for me when I did not know how. You asked the Lord to let me live so that I could see you laid to rest.

Your prayers were answered. I hope you are pleased with my efforts.



God bless you, see
you on the other side.

Your Baby and
Best Friend,

Mack Alvin



Theresa Hunter



Sunrise - February 5, 1918

Sunset - May 4, 2001

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Mama Theresa:

I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

I think of this verse whenever I think of you. In your conversation, you would always give God the praise and I plan to follow in your footsteps. You will forever be in my heart.

Chrysandra



Grandma Theresa:

Thank you for the time here with you. Thank you for your love, your presence down through the years and the discipline and correction you gave me. I never regret the time I had with you and I will always remember your touch, your hugs, and the beautiful smile you had.

Love always ~ Kimberly Caldwell



To My Grandmother:

Thank you for the time we had together. It seems like such a short time. I know I must say good-bye, but I know I will see you again someday.

Love always ~ Lisa

To My Grandmother:

I love you so much and I hope to see you again one day. Watch over me.

With love ~ Steve Ray Owens



To Grandma Theresa:

With love always I am going to miss you. You will be in my heart always. May God bless you.

With Love ~ Cathy Nell Owens



Our Time To Go:

God put us here, But God takes us away.

We must learn it was our time to go.

Mom's gone, Dad's gone, Brother's gone too,

Look up to the sky, remember, it was their time to go.

Cat's die, bird's die, people die too.

But keep this in your thoughts, it was their time to go.

Love always ~ Darryl and Celene Sledge

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A Special Message from Your Granddaughters

When we think of the word Grandmother, we think of
Someone you can count on - that's Mama Theresa
Someone you can laugh with - that's Mama Theresa
Someone you can cry with - that's Mama Theresa
Someone you can call to say, "I Love You" -
that's Mama Theresa.

Mama Theresa, your smile and laughter
will surely be missed in our lives.

We have so many memories of all the
"Special" years, months, days, hours that we spent together.
Our vacations to Texas were so enjoyable,
Just spending time with you.

Whether we were sitting in the TV room laughing and talking,
Or sitting on the front porch enjoying the sun,
Visiting with Cassandra and family
and all the other friends in Fairfield,
We can truly say, we enjoyed every minute.

We know you had to leave us and
Join God's heavenly throne, but,
It's still very difficult for us to understand
The wisdom and love behind
The things that God has planned.

Psalm 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are
ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way."

Mama Theresa, our "Special" grandmother,
Until we meet again,
We Will Always Love You!

Jacki, Elise and Delana



Celebration of Life and Homegoing of Theresa Hunter



Theresa (Hervey) Hunter was born February 5, 1918 in Winkler, Texas. She was the only child of Beolia Hervey. She met and married Elzie Mitchell. They had one son, Morris "Mitch" L. Mitchell. She later married Burks Hunter, they had one son, Mack Alvin.

She worked in the home of Dr. J. H. and Betsy Keller for over forty years and would tell anyone at anytime in no uncertain terms that "she raised the Keller girls", Susan and Carolyn. She also took credit for raising Susan and Carolyn's children, Jordan, Andrew and Jay. She often referred to the Keller's as her other family.

She was a member of Hemphill Temple Church of God In Christ for over forty years. She sang in the choir and worked in many auxiliaries until her health began to fail her. She was a member of the Heroines of Jericho, Texas Banner Court #44.

On Friday, May 4, 2001 at 12:04 p.m. she departed this life at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas after suffering a severe stroke on April 22nd.

Preceding her in death are: husband, Burks Hunter; and son, Morris L. (Mitch).

Her immediate family survivors are: son, Mack Alvin (Betty), Sylmar, California; daughter-in-law, Creola Mitchell, Fairfield, Texas; granddaughters and grandsons, Chrysendra English (Woodrow), Fairfield, Texas, Delana Hunter, Oakland, California, Elise Soto, Shady Cove, Oregon, Jacquelyn Hunter, Portland, Oregon, Lisa Aldridge, Denton, Texas, Cathy Owens, Kimberly Caldwell, Steve Owens, Douglas Owens all of Fort Worth, Texas, Celene Sledge, Arlington, Texas; twenty great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

God Children: Syl. Jr., Lula Mae, Pete, Mary, Jerry, Gwen, John, Jackie, Walter Green

Special Friends: Supt. L. J. Manning, Freddie Proctor, Lee Bertha Beck

She also leaves three first cousins: Pearl Hervey, Jess (Sankie) Hervey of Dallas, Texas, and O. C. Hervey of Fort Worth, Texas

Three Nieces: Ethel Mae, Ella of Salinas, California and Lucille Pryor of Pasadena, California

A Very, Very Special Friend: Mr. Andrew Dailey, Bakersfield, California



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M.C. of Service ~ Pastor P. A. Rischer

Processional Ministers, Pallbearers, Family and Friends

Funeral Cortège Enters

Parting View Funeral Directors

Selection: "Because He Lives" Bro. Bobby Cooper

Comfort from Scripture:

Old Testament Minister Jimmy Rischer

New Testament Pastor Vincent Aldridge

Prayer of Solace Pastor E. A. Anderson

Resolutions Church and Others

Remarks Pastor Warren G. Sandifer

Special Remarks Sis. Lisa Aldridge

Solo: "Accept What God Allows" Jacquelyn Owens

Words of Comfort Supt. L. J. Manning

Funeral Cortège Departs

Recessional "Soon and Very Soon"



Acknowledgment

The family of Theresa Hunter would like to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, words of comfort, food, flowers and special donations.

The Family of Theresa Hunter

Active Pallbearers

Steve Owens
Anthony Aldridge

Obie Caldwell
Darryl Sledge

Darian English
Cedric English

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Woodrow English
Eugene Thurman

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Sherwyn Rischer



Interment

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