

Home Going Services

~ FOR THE LATE ~

Mary Alice Singleton Thompson



Will Be Held At

Union African Methodist
Episcopal Church

7213 Highway 17-North
Awendaw, South Carolina 29429

Saturday, March 16, 2002

1:00 p.m.

Reverend Alford L. Buckner, Pastor



•Interment•

Union A.M.E. Church Cemetery
Awendaw, South Carolina

Life's Reflections

"For now I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:6-7

With this we comfort ourselves as we pay tribute to the life of **Mary Alice Singleton Thompson**, born to Edisto and Sarah J. Singleton on February 9, 1925 in Greeleyville, South Carolina. She graduated from Williamsburg County Training School and received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and became a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Greeleyville, South Carolina. Alice moved to Edisto Island, South Carolina to begin her teaching career. Later she was transferred to Awendaw, South Carolina.

Alice met Samuel Thompson, Sr. and they were united in Holy Matrimony on March 24, 1948. This union was blessed with four children; Tennyson, Gerald, Clayton and Carolyn.

She joined Union African Methodist Episcopal Church Class No. 4 and served faithfully as a member of the Missionary and Steward Boards, Senior Choir and taught Sunday School. She later became President of the Women's Missionary Society and was founder of the Annual Missionary Calendar Tea. Alice was a dedicated and committed President for more than thirty (30) years. She dedicated her entire life to serving the Lord and bringing souls to Christ.

She was an active member and held many offices in the following organizations: Queen Almira Chapter No. 139, Order of The Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation for more than fifty (50) years, Women Involved in Rural Electrification(WIRE), Volunteer East Cooper Hospital, United Methodist Relief Program, Care Giver in the Community and Morris College Alumni Association. She received numerous awards, honors and recognition for Outstanding Leadership in the church, community and schools.

She taught and touched many lives in Charleston and Berkeley County Schools. She retired after 28 years of teaching.

Her hobbies were traveling to Missionary Conferences, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Mary Alice was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother.

On Sunday, March 10, 2002, at Roper Hospital, Charleton, South Carolina, God sent His Angel from Heaven to take her home.

A son, Samuel Thompson, Jr. and a brother-in-law, Robert Anchrum preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories, her loving husband, Samuel Thompson, Sr.; sons, Tennyson Thompson (Patricia), Clinton, MD, Gerald Thompson (Laurel) and Clayton Thompson, both of Mt. Pleasant, SC; a daughter, Carolyn Andrews (Willie), Charleston, SC; an adopted son, Calvin Williams, Atlanta GA; a daughter-in-law, Lucille Thompson; sisters, Julia Anchrum, Denver, CO, Geneva Oliver, Newark, NJ, Ruth Wright, Florence SC, Sarah Pannell, Brooklyn, NY, Thelma Kennedy, Atlanta, GA, and Betty Jackson (Cleveland), Union, SC; brothers, Thomas Singleton, Philadelphia, PA, George Singleton (Daisey), Charleston, SC, Lewis Singleton, Philadelphia, PA, Edisto Singleton, Brooklyn, NY, Richard Singleton (Roslyn), Bellamar, NJ, Franklin Murrell (Kathy), Mystic, CT, Emmanuel Murrell (Phoebe), Sacramento, CA; a sister-in-law, Alma Manigault, Awendaw, SC; a brother-in-law, Isaac Thompson, North Charleston, SC; twenty (20) grandchildren; twenty-four (24) great grandchildren; sixteen (16) great-great grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

~Mom~

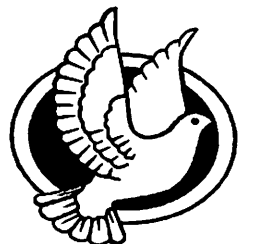
Our mom was the best,
She was a cut above all the rest.
Mom was kind, humble and sweet-
Not just to us, but to all she would meet.
She taught us to treat all people the same
and to remember that life is not a game.
She said, "Keep Christ in our life,
and all would be well, no matter what the strife."

The values and virtues she possessed
have caused our life to be truly blessed.
We learned from her that patience and goodness
are truly next to Godliness.
Her presence may be gone from sight, but our hearts
She will never take flight. A part of us she will always be,
and in Heaven one day her face we know we'll see.

Love,
The Children

~The Order of Service~ Reverend Alford L. Buckner, Officiating

Prelude.....Organist
Processional.....No. 332..... Union AME Combined Choir
"Nearer My God To Thee"
Hymn of PraiseNo. 511...."When We All Get To Heaven"
Invocation.....Reverend Annie L. Steed
The Selection.....The Choir
The Scripture Readings
Old Testament.....Psalm 23
New Testament..... 1Corinthians 15:51-58
Resolutions and Tributes: The Church, Children, Grand
Children, Missionary, Community, School and Friend
Duet.....Sheree Andrews and Brandon Thompson
Remarks.....Mrs. Alease Wright, Class Leader No. 4
The Hymn of Meditation.....#448....."It Is Well With My Soul"
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Alford L. Buckner
The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)
The Committal
The Benediction
The Parting View....."I'll Fly Away"
Recessional





ONLY MY BODY DIED

I've come by once more to see you, to bring you comfort in some way,
To let you know that I'm all right, because I'm with God today.
I see the tears you're crying and I know you hurt inside;
But please try to remember,
That only my body died.

My soul is strong and healthy,
My spirit is happy and free and I know you'll keep alive,
All the good memories of me.
My old life was so full of struggle;
I knew pain and I knew fear; but that day when I left you
Jesus whispered in my ear.
He said, "It's time to come home, and I've made you a special place."
Then He reached His hand out to me and He had a smile on His face.
Oh, I'm so sorry to see you hurting and it's so sad to see you cry;
But think about the promise of Jesus
When He said, "Only your body will die."

I will never really leave you,
I promise I'll be watching from above and you can believe forever,
That I'll send you all my love.
So don't weep about my struggles and don't worry about the past.
I'm here in a place of joy and I've found that peace at last.
I wish I could wipe away your tears and mend the hurt you feel inside.
But please find comfort when I say,
It was only my body that died.

Pastor Gethers 766-2062

Active Hallbearers

Michael Jordan	David Steed
Melvin Reeves	Duane Williams
Frank Wright	Nathaniel Bryant
Tommy L. Williams	James Ford

Honorary Hallbearers

Tennyson Thompson	Willie Andrews
Gerald Thompson	Calvin Williams
Clayton Thompson	Robert Anchrum, Jr.
John Monk	Ted Luckett

Ulysses Singleton

Floral Bearers

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~ Acknowledgment ~

The family of the late Mary Alice Singleton Thompson wishes to thank you for your kind words and deeds during their time of bereavement.

A special thanks to Hospice of Choice, Laurel Thompson, Joann Fordham and Elaine Fitzgerald for their untiring love and support.

The Family

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