

Funeral Services
for
Mrs. Hazel Catherine B. Littlepage



Thursday, March 18, 2004 • 12:00 NOON

Mt. Zion AME Zion Church

OFFICIATING

Rev. Claude A. Shuford

INTERMENT

Greenwood Serenity Gardens • Montgomery, Alabama



ROSS-CLAYTON FUNERAL HOME

Montgomery, Alabama • DIRECTING

My Father's 1st wife

Obituary

Hazel Catherine (Bell) Bates Littlepage "Sis" was born June 2, 1914, in Ramer, Alabama. She was the first daughter and the second child of the late Willa Lou (Jackson) and Frank Bell.

She attended Ramer Schools and united with Mt. Gillard Church at an early age. She joined Mount Zion AME Zion Church and was active till her health failed. She met and married Eugene Bates who preceded her in death in 1960. They operated Bates-Pekin Beauty and Barber Shop for many years. She operated it until her health forced her to sell the business. Sis was famous for her baked goods, especially her pound cakes which she sold at the shop.

She married H. Hobart Littlepage, Jr. and he preceded her in death in 1978.

She leaves to mourn her death a brother, Ervin (Kathryn) Bell, of Newton Falls, OH; nieces: Edwina (Christopher, Sr.) Whitehead, and Margaret Hightower of Newton Falls, OH; nieces: Cynthia G. (Rodney) Morrow, of Hempstead, NY, Esta Leta (Bill) Price of Indianapolis, IN, Barbara (Richard) Taylor, of Gary, IN, Renita Bell of Gary, IN; nephews: Willie J. (Caserine) Bell of Montgomery, AL, Frederick (Jamella) Bell of Gary, IN, Randy Bell of Roosevelt, NY; a special niece, Diane Bates; nieces: Edwina Littlepage, Ruth (Bunnie) Williams; a host of Bates nieces and nephews in Millbrook, AL, Oklahoma and other places; many great-great-nieces, nephews . . .; sisters-in-law: Knoxie (John) Bell, of Warren OH, Hazel (Jimmie) Bell of Montgomery, AL, Helen (Fred) Bell of Gary, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, sisters: Sadie Bell Johnson and Cherrey Bell Jarrett; brothers: John R., Jimmie F., and Fred Bell; nephews: Ervin Bell, Jr. and William D. Bell.

Special thanks to her caregivers: Cynthia Brown, Florida Bass, Dorothy Harris. Her extended family: Linda (Dr. Willie) Fitzpatrick, David C. (Sarah) Ross, Jr., Joseph (Tracey) Kendrick.
~The Family

Order of Service

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PRELUDE MUSICIANS

PROCESSIONAL PASTOR AND OTHERS

HYMN ASSURANCE "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

PRAYER OF COMFORT REV. NELSON HENRY, JR.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 90 REV. H.A. LONGMIRE

NEW TESTAMENT REVELATION 21: 1-7 REV. L.C. WASHINGTON

CHORAL RESPONSE "COME YE DISCONSOLATE"

CHORAL SELECTION THE CHOIR

EXPRESSIONS LUCY JENKINS
DR. WILLIE FITZPATRICK

HYMN OF COMFORT "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

EULOGY REV. CLAUDE A. SHUFORD

RECESSIONAL "I'LL FLY AWAY" THE CHOIR

Pallbearers

Dr. Willie Fitzpatrick

James Bates

David Ross III

Eugene Bates

Joseph Kendrick

Willie James Bell

Honorary Pallbearers

Stewards, Trustees of Mt. Zion AME Church

Flower Bearers

Nieces, Friends, Deaconesses, Stewardesses, Missionaries

PSALM 46.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Se'lah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Se'lah. Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Se'lah.

Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,

Or sat quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,

If so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words

As any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all

Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

-The Family