

Safely Home

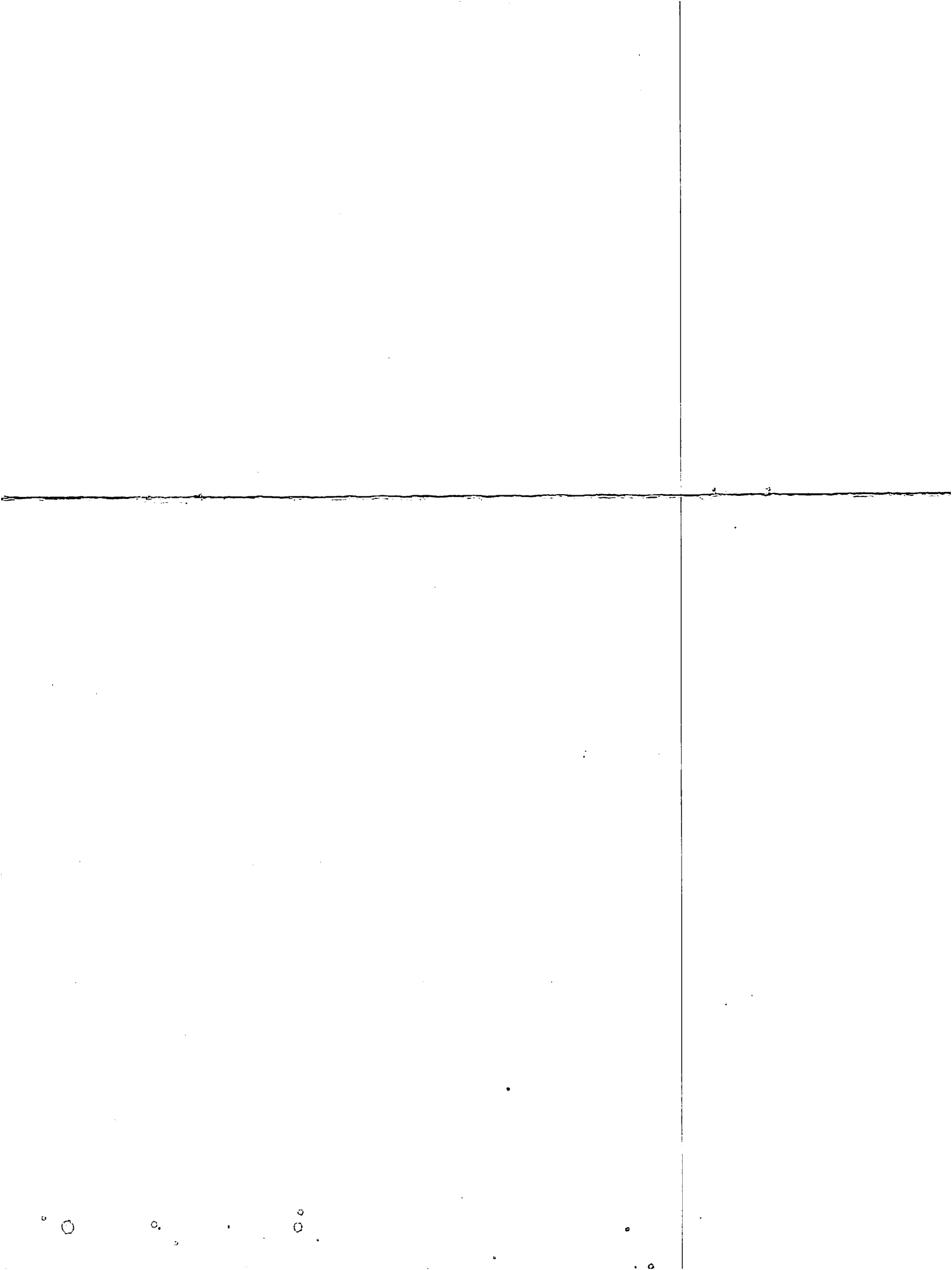
*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread:
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows;
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*



Acknowledgements

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear,
We looked up and our friends were there.
With flowers and words, written and spoken,
With faces smiling and hearts open,
You comforted us and shared our grief.
God will bless and keep you, granting all relief.
Our gratitude cannot be adequately expressed with mere words,
But they are the best that we have to offer in saying "Thank You",
For lifting the cloud and letting the sun shine through.

The Towles Family

Active Pallbearers

O. D. Harris	Sterling A. Tharp, Jr.
Freddie L. Towles	Levearn Towles
Michael E. Towles	Jerome Puryear, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

William Towles	James F. Towles
R. V. Towles	Barry G. Towles
Jerome Puryear, Sr.	Herbert Trice

Interment

Wesley Chapel C. M. E. Church
2780 Shady Grove
Somerville, Tennessee



Arrangements Entrusted To:

J. A. Lofties Funeral Home
112 E. North Street
Somerville, Tennessee 38068
901-465-3989

Going Home Celebration of Sister Ora. L. Towles



Saturday, February 1, 2003
11:00 a.m.

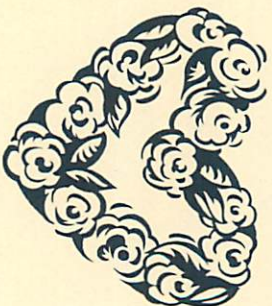
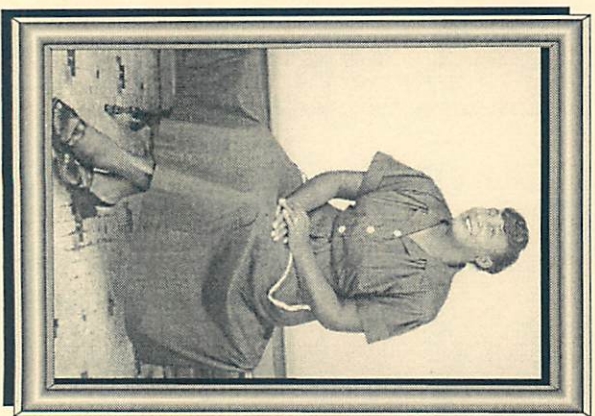
Fayette Ware Comprehensive High School
13520 Highway 59
Somerville, Tennessee

Officiating
Rev. Oscar L. Bailey, Pastor
Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church
2780 Shady Grove
Somerville, Tennessee

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"For I am now 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. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that His appearing."

II Timothy 4:6-8



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I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day.

If parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Life up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.

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Obituary

"This is Your Life-Ora"

Mrs. Ora Lee Puryear Towles was born on June 12, 1929, to the late Joseph and Erdie Mays Puryear.

She departed this life on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at 2:17 a.m. at Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

She attended High School at Fayette County Training School. She received her Bachelor and Master Degree in education from Tennessee State University. Mrs. Ora Towles taught school at Fayette-Ware High School for twenty years, then later became a Guidance Counselor for the last twenty one years of her career. Mrs. Towles retired in 1992 from the Fayette County school system.

She attended Union Grove C.M.E. Church from childhood. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Johnnie L. Towles on August 21, 1948. She transferred her membership to Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church where she was a dedicated member. She served as Usher Board, president, a member of the Stewardess Board and was very faithful in all capacities of the church. Also, she was very dutiful in the community and charitable organizations. She will be missed. Mrs. Towles was preceded in death by two sisters; Everline Harris & Hattie B. Murphy and one brother; William Johnson Puryear.

She leaves to cherish her memory a wonderful, loving and devoted husband of fifty four years; Johnnie L. Towles, a stepmother-in-law; Mary Towles of Somerville, TN., one stepson; Willie F. (Faye) Bryant of Grand Junction, TN., five nieces she raised as her own, Fleecie (Frank) Hunt of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Eva Harris of Decatur, Georgia, Rubystein (Andrew) Carnes of Louisa, Virginia, Regina Reaves of Brownsville, TN., and Wanda Carnes of Hermitage, TN., on brother; Jerome (Ethel) Puryear of Indianapolis, Indiana, two sisters; Forestine Trice of Jackson, TN., and Pearlie M. Stone of Nashville, TN., thirteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, ten brothers-in-law, twelve sisters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order Of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Song of Praise.....Choir

Prayer.....Minister Carl Harris

Scripture....(Old & New Testament)....Minister Calvin Ridgell, Sr.

Solo.....Dorothy Lewis

Remarks.....(3 minutes).....Doris Fouche'
(Usher & Stewardess Board)

Myles Wilson
(Superintendent)

Reola Kee
(friend/co-worker)

Dr. L. Winston
(Principal)

Song of Praise.....Choir

Obituary.....Soft Music.....Read Silently

Acknowledgments.....Lucy Mays

Solo.....Minister Calvin Ridgell, Sr.

Eulogy.....Rev. Oscar L. Bailey

Recessional

Remains Will Not Be Viewed

Repast will be served at Wesley C.M.E. Church



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