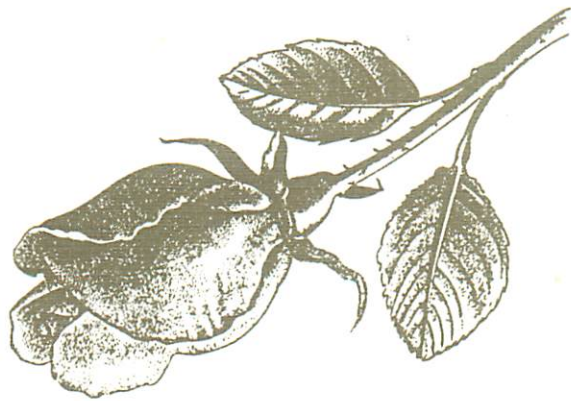


*Honegoing Celebration
of*

Mrs. Katie Lou Deal



Wednesday, June 5, 1996
7:00 P.M.

M. J. Edwards & Sons Funeral Home

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Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Katie Lou Deal wishes to express sincere thanks for the kindness in thoughts and deeds that were shown throughout her illness and during our bereavement.

Active Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Elmwood Cemetery

Thursday, June 6, 1996 / 11:00 A.M.

Arrangements

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Mrs. Katie Lou Deal

February 11, 1922 - May 30, 1996

"I AM FREE"

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free.
I am 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 pray.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too shall miss.
Be not burdened with time, nor sorrow.
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Obituary

MRS. KATIE LOU DEAL was born February 11, 1922 to the union of the late Steve Miller and Mattie Bowles Miller in Stanton, Tennessee. She parted this life May 30, 1996. Katie was preceded in death by an only sister, the late Susie Dancy.

Katie confessed her faith in Christ at an early age. She moved to Memphis and became a member of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a faithful choir member until her illness.

In 1955, Katie was united in Holy Matrimony to Tommy Deal, Jr.; a loving and devoted husband. She leaves to mourn her in passing her husband, Tommy of forty-one years; an only daughter, Mattie Foote; a stepdaughter, Gloria Wells (Austin); one uncle, Wesley Bowles (Nancy); four granddaughters whom she raised, Sharon Dixon, Denise Howard, Twana Dortch, and Renita Morrow; three grandsons, Steve Wells, Michael Wells, and Fred Wells; a dear brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Mildred Hykes; a brother-in-law, Robert Ruth; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order Of Service

Processional

Solo Elder Melvin Jones

Scripture & Prayer Reverend James Merritt

Solo Ms. Shirley Chambers

Expressions: three minutes

Neighbor Mrs. Helen Harris

Cousin Sister Ida Merritt

Friend Mrs. Nettie Rodgers

Acknowledgements Ms. Deborah Busby

Solo Elder Melvin Jones

Obituary Read Silently Soft Music

Eulogy Elder Flowers

Funeral Directors In Charge

Recessional

I am at rest, so don't cry,
It will be easier as time goes by.
As my body lies here, its only a shell
God has called me home, so I say farewell
Now I'm happy and very content
For the things I've done wrong, I repent.
You know and I know that it's hard on earth
So you should not cry at death, but at birth.
To all my friends as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so must you be;
Prepare yourselves to follow me.
I have no worries, pains, or fears
For I'm with God so please dry your tears.
I love you all and this is what I want you to do,
Put God first in your life and
I'll be seeing you.