



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth
my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's
sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Twenty-Third Psalm



Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray; if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that 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

Active Pallbearers

George Rutherford
Kenny Austin

Leslie Banks
Robert Pikers

Keith Austin
Jamal Morris

Honorary Flowerbearers

Yvonne Prewitt
Alisha Rutherford

Cheryl Pickens
Nicole Williams

Latisha Phillips
Latonya Tate

Interment

Willow Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
Brownsville, Tennessee

Arrangements Entrusted To:
Stephenson & Sons Funeral Home
807 Hays Avenue ~ Jackson, Tennessee 38301

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Saturday, September 12, 1998
1:00 P. M.

Willow Grove Baptist Church
Highway 70 East ~ Brownsville, Tennessee

Reverend Thomas Averyheart
~ Officiating ~



In Loving Memory Of



Remarks:

As A Neighbor Betty Haile Sclassie

Song..... "Everything Will Be Alright" Choir

Obituary Read Silently

Tributes Children / Grandchildren

Solo..... "I Won't Complain" Mildred H. Bolds

Eulogy Reverend Tom Averyheart

Recessional



Order Of Service

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Processional

Song....."He Will Wash You Whiter Than Snow"Choir

Scripture

PrayerReverend James Richmond

Solo....."Pray For Me"Sister Sylessie Ross

AcknowledgementsBilly J. Currie

ResolutionsClinton Thomas

Solo....."Someone Who Cares"L. C. and Elma Pirtle

My Role Model

Momma, you were what I want to be, Strong Couragious, beautiful, tenacious and now FREE.

You nurtured seven children, braiding, mending, making do with what you had.

You made us feel rich, happy, loved and never sad.

You taught us to read, took us to school on the first day, introduced us to God and showed us the way.

I remember those long talks we had, just the two of us.

We embraced when we saw each other and waved goodbye at dust.

You set us at the dining room table before off to college we went

You said "put God first - let him lead and you follow" and you could become president.

You were there for us through marriage, birth, disappointment and divorce.

You loved us we know, but God loved you more.

You never stopped teaching, demonstrating God's Love.

A quiet spirit you were, always praising the Lord above.

I wanna be just like you, a mother, nurturer, and a friend.

Because you lived a Christian Life and never complained - God has rewarded you in the end.

By Carol & Alisha



Mrs. Ida Bessie Austin Morris



~ Obituary ~

IDA BESSIE AUSTIN MORRIS was born June 4, 1917 to the late Prince Austin and Elnora Morton Austin Springfield of Brownsville, Tennessee.

On Friday, September 4, 1998 at 2:40 p.m., God looked down and saw that living was too painful for Sister Bessie Morris. Thus God sent His angels to take Sister Bessie Morris home to rest.

She professed a hope in Christ at an early age at Willow Grove Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir and the Mother's Board.

She was educated in the Haywood County Public Schools.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving and devoted husband of sixty-one years, Andrew Morris. To this union seven children were born: five girls and two boys, one preceded her in death, Andrew Morris, Jr. She leaves five daughters, Regina (Claude) Phillips of Memphis, Tennessee, Josephine Morris of Kankakee, Illinois, Elnora Banks of Washington, D. C., Helen Jean Morris of Brownsville, Tennessee, and (Betty) Carol Morris Rutherford of Memphis, Tennessee; one son, William Authur Morris of Atlanta, Georgia; eight grandchildren, Yvonne (Dr. Darrion) Prewitt of Dyersburg, Tennessee, Cheryl Pickens of Memphis, Tennessee, Leslie E. Banks of Washington, D. C., Robert Pickens of Memphis, Tennessee, Latisha Phillips of Memphis, Tennessee, Andrew Jamal Morris, Authur Rashad Morris of Atlanta, Georgia, and Alisha Renee Rutherford of Memphis, Tennessee; one great-granddaughter, Chancerte Davette Pickens of Memphis, Tennessee; three sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



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