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### Betty Gail Booker

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*Honorary Pallbearers*

*Mr. Derrick Booker Mr. Robert Booker  
Mr. Craig Booker Mr. Willie Wright  
Mr. Rodney Booker Mr. Linton Wright Jr*

*Active Pallbearers*

*Deacons and Trustees of  
Sams Creek Missionary Baptist Church*

*Floral Attendants*

*Usbers*

*Friends of the Family*

*Acknowledgment*

*We would like to take this moment to thank  
everyone for all acts of kindness and sympathy that  
have been shown to us during our time of sorrow.  
There are no words sufficient to express our most  
sincere gratitude and we pray that God will watch  
over and richly bless you all.*

*The Booker Family*



*Professional Services Entrusted To:*

*Hodges Funeral Home  
Metter, Georgia*

*Y'lonne Hodges, Licensed Mortician/Manager  
Percy Hodges/Jerry Gibson, Licensed Morticians  
(912)685-2400*

*A Homegoing Celebration*

*For*

*Mrs. Betty Gail Booker*



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*Saturday, July 28, 2001  
2:00 P.M.*

*Sams Creek Baptist Church  
Metter, Georgia*

*Rev. John L. Leggett, Eulogist  
Rev. Michael Guido, Assisting*

*Interment: Sams Creek  
Church Cemetery  
Metter, Georgia*



## Obituary

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens:

**A time to be born:** Mattie Lou Ellis was born on August 31, 1907 in Candler County Georgia to the late Mr. Boss Johnson and Mrs. Leah Davis McClain.

**A time to die:** She entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 4, 2001 at her home after a lengthy illness.

**A time to get:** She received her education at the John Wesley Lodge School at Pulaski, GA.

**A time to sow, a time to plant, and a time to embrace:** At an early age, she united with the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Pulaski, Georgia and after marriage, united with the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Register, Georgia where she remained faithful until her health failed. She was a member and treasurer of the Choir, a member of the Church Mission, a Deaconess and long time Mother of the Church. She was also a member of the WMBS Burial Society. As a homemaker, Mattie loved and nurtured her family and others. She was a compassionate person who was always willing to aid those in need and welcomed all who entered her home with open arms.

**A time to love:** Mattie was united in holy matrimony to Claude Ellis on May 10, 1925. To this union, eight children were born. One preceded her in death.

**A time to weep:** Left to cherish her memory; her devoted husband of seventy-five years and ten months, Claude Ellis, Pulaski, GA; two sons, General L. Ellis (Lovie) of Cincinnati, OH and Edward Ellis of Pulaski, GA; five daughters, Janie Kirkland (Percy), Geraldine Roberson, and Lizzie Sludder (Terry) of Cincinnati, OH, Josephine Neal (George, Sr.) and Delores E. Hagins (Will) of Pulaski, GA; two sisters-in-law, Almeter Phillips of Metter, GA and Ethel Mae Dawson, Jacksonville, FL; thirty-nine grandchildren, fifty-seven great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

The day is past and gone

The evening shades appear

O may we all remember well

The night of death draws near

We lay our garments by

Upon our beds to rest

So death will soon disrobe us all

Of what we have possessed

Lord keep us safe this night

Secure from all our fears

May angels guard us while we sleep

Till morning light appear.

And when our days are past

And we from time remove

Oh may we in Thy bosom rest

The bosom of Thy love.

For My Wife

For happy times I've known with you,

For tender times I've shared with you,

For ways my joy has grown with you,

This brings you all my love.

Our life together was so many things--

Excitement, laughter, challenges,

And quiet times when we shared

Our thoughts and feelings...

But mostly, our life together

Was something wonderful...

And I wouldn't trade it for the world.

With Love,

Clarence



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

*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  
shadows 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 for ever.*



## ODE TO MAMA

*Remember me and be reminded;  
Loving, caring, giving was the way I lived my life.  
Respect me and the lessons I taught;  
Give God your lives, and your battles will be well fought.*

*Think of me and remember;  
The eternal reason for the services I rendered.  
Honor me and the works I've done;  
Follow the map of the race I've run.*

*Meet me and know "True" rest;  
For I am with the Savior in the land of the Blessed.  
Release me, now and never forget;  
I've Gone Home – NO REGRETS!*

*Author: Shaunta F. Ellis*

## Order of Service

Presiding.....Rev. Gregory Thomas  
Processional  
Selection.....Choir  
Invocation.....Elder James Johnson, Jr.  
Solo.....Bro. Darryl Spence  
Scripture  
    Old Testament.....Rev. Augustus Strong  
    New Testament.....Minister Sarah Slappy-Prince  
Reflections  
    As a Church Worker.....Dea. Harold Deloach  
  
Inspirational.....Sis. Josephine C. Parrish  
Solo.....Sis. Shaunta F. Ellis  
Acknowledgements  
    (Pause for silent obituary).....Sis. Brenda W. Gould  
Hymn: Father I Stretch My Hands.....Elder Early Humphries  
Message.....Pastor Lee Hunter  
Final Glance  
Recessional

### Hymn #304

Father, I stretch my hands to thee;  
No other help I know;  
If thou withdraw Thyself from me  
Ah, whither shall I go?

What did Thine only son endure;  
Before I drew my breath  
What pain, what labor to secure  
My soul from endless death!

Author of FAITH to Thee I lift  
My weary, longing eyes  
Oh my I now receive that gift  
My SOUL without it dies.