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Funeral Services

for



Mrs. Mary Ellen Simmons Baldwin

Sunday, September 4, 1994 - 2:30 p.m.

Historical First African Baptist Church

Cotton Avenue, Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. John Harmon, Pastor and Eulogist

Interment - Eastside Cemetery



A Final Tribute - A Service By Payton's Mortuary, Statesboro, Ga.

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Obituary

Mary Ellen Simmons Baldwin, daughter of Mrs. Lillie Mae Matthews Simmons Nixon and the late Leroy Simmons, was born on May 15, 1924 in Bulloch County, Georgia. She departed this life on Thursday, September 1, 1994, at the Bulloch Memorial Hospital, Statesboro, Georgia.

At an early age she joined the Antioch Baptist Church. Later moving her membership to Hodges Grove Baptist Church where she served as a good and faithful member. She was a member of the Gospel Choir; later serving as the chairperson of the Usher Board for several years and working with various committees throughout the Church.

On November 7, 1946, she was united in holy matrimony to Charlie Baldwin, who preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dawson of Kingsland, Ga. and Ms. Wylene Baldwin of Atlanta, Ga.; her mother, Mrs. Lillie M. Nixon of Statesboro, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Alberta Martin of Flint, Mich.; two brothers, Andrew Nixon of Manchester, Ga. and Frank Nixon of Savannah, Ga.; a granddaughter, Ms. ShaWanda Dawson of Kingsland, Ga.; a son-in-law, Clifford Dawson of Kingsland, Ga.; an uncle, Bradfield Goodman of Savannah, Ga.; eight sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"I'VE DONE MY BEST"

I've done my best

I've sung my song

I've done some good

I've done some wrong

*Now I shall go, and take my stand,
To be with Him in that unknown land.*

*He knows my heart and every thought,
He knows what pain and joy I've brought,
And by His love, I have been taught,
That one day I must go.*

*He knows my soul is weak and blind,
So full of fear with a troubled mind,
And so goodnight — I've stood the test,
I'll go with Him, I need some rest.*

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING Rev. Harry Baldwin

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

INVOCATION Rev. Harry Baldwin

SCRIPTURE

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT Rev. R. H. White

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

RESOLUTION Mrs. Arlene Brack

SOLO Mrs. Evelyn Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Ms. Constance Jones

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

EULOGY Rev. John Harmon

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Hodges Grove Baptist Church

Active Pallbearers

Willie Herrington

Ernest Harris

Eddie Williams

Gregory Cone

Mike Shipman

Charles Baldwin

Floral Attendants

Nieces

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The family wishes to thank their many friends and family for all acts of service and kind expressions of sympathy rendered during her recent demise. May God bless and keep you.