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May I Go

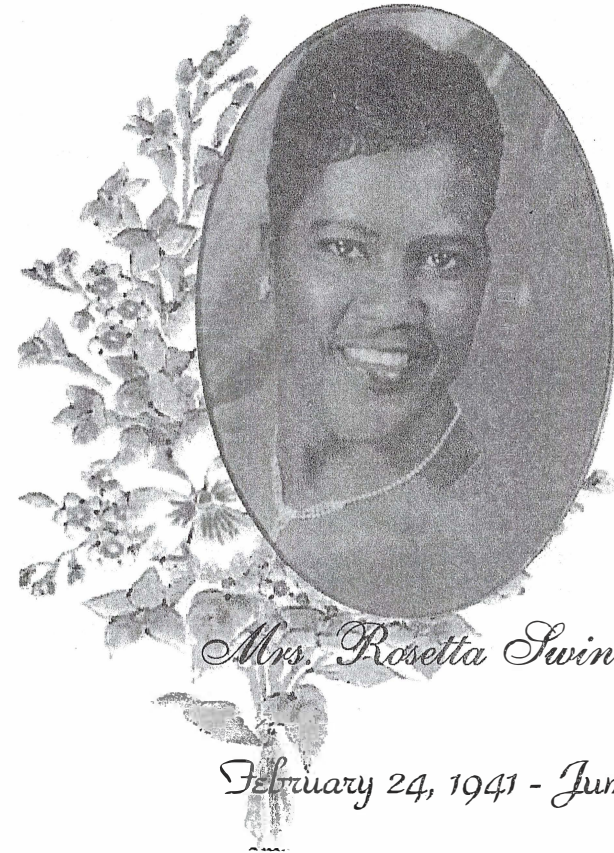
May I Go Now?

*Don't you think the time is right?
May I say good-bye to pain filled days,
And endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
An example I tried to be.
So, can I take that step beyond
And set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might!
But something seems to draw me now,
To a warm and loving light.
I want to go. It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can;
To live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me
And share your love and fears.
I know you all are sad and afraid,
Because I see your tears.
I'll not be far, I promise that,
And hope you'll always know,
That my spirit will be close to you,
Wherever you may go.
Thank you all so much for loving me,
You know that I love you too.
That's why it's hard to say good-bye
And end this life with you.
So hold me now, just one more time,
And let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
You'll let me go today!*

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*In Loving Memory
Celebrating The Life Of Our Beloved*



Mrs. Rosetta Swint Gardner

February 24, 1941 - June 5, 2002

Saturday, June 8, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

*Thankful Missionary Baptist Church
Metter, Georgia*

Rev. R. A. Lawrence, Pastor/Eulogist

Interment - Old Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, Statesboro, Georgia

Obituary

Rosetta Swint Gardner was born February 24, 1941 in Bulloch County to the late Isadore and Gracie L. Donaldson Swint. She was a graduate of Tattnall County Industrial High School, Class of 1961. She married William Gardner, Jr., on July 12, 1968. To this union one son was born, Andra' E. Gardner. She was employed by the Candler County Board of Education for twenty-eight years. She was a member of the Thankful Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, past Youth Director and was President of Pastor's Aid. She was a member of the Rose Metter Chapter #249 and Eva Moore Assembly #328. She departed this life on June 5, 2002 at her home. Two sisters, Queen E. Swint Heard and Kathy L. Swint preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish many loving memories, her husband, William Gardner, Jr. of Metter, GA; her son, Andra' (Sonja) Gardner of Metter, GA; three sisters, Christine (James) Thomas of Statesboro, GA, Daisi Swint of White Plains, NY and Bettye (Jimmy) Frazier of Lilburn, GA; three brothers, Charles (Mary) Swint of Cincinnati, OH, Alvin Swint of Hansford, CA and Isadore (Judy) Swint of Metter, GA; three grandchildren, Andre, Aaron and A'Darius Gardner; father and mother-in-law, Billy and Effie Gardner of Savannah, GA; three sisters-in-law, Mary Flourney of Ft. Washington, MD, Joyce Godwin and Carlistine Jackson of Savannah, GA; one brother-in-law, Flourney Gardner of Savannah, GA; two close and dearest friends, Lena Braziel and Mrs. Faye Jones, both of Metter, GA; godsons, Terry Deloach of Metter, GA and Rodney West of Albany, GA; devoted nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamonds glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain

I am the autumn rain.

When you awake in the mornings hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush,

of birds circling in flight.

I am the stars that shines at night.

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I am not there. I do not sleep.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Elder James Johnson

New Testament.....Rev. Freddie Hodge

Song – “By And By When The Morning Comes.....Choir

Remarks.....Sis. Luree Byrd

Sis. Lena Braziel

Acknowledgements.....Whitaker Funeral Home Staff

Solo.....Dea. Pervit Byrd

Obituary.....Read Silently

Poems.....Read Silently

To The Family.....Bro. Isadore Swint, Jr.

Eulogy.....Rev. Richard A. Lawrence, Jr.

Viewing

Recessional

Honorary Pallbearers

Pulaski Masonic Lodge #319

Active Pallbearers

Metter Masonic Lodge #401

Floral Attendants

Rose Metter Chapter #249 OES – New Star Light #44 OES

Acknowledgments

The Gardner and Swint Family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

******The family will receive visitors after services at the Thankful Missionary Baptist Church Social Hall.*