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### Loretha Samples

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Psalm 23

*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 leads 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.*

*You prepare 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.*



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*Homegoing Services  
For*



*Prophetess/Evangelist Loretha Samples*

*"IT'S NOT ABOUT ME ... I'M ON THE BATTLEFIELD  
FOR MY LORD AND I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH."*

Thursday, January 15, 2004  
1:00 P.M.

W.H. Whitaker Memorial Chapel  
Whitaker Funeral Home

The Reverend Waddell Bishop, Officiating

Interment: Mercer Grove Church Cemetery  
Metter, Georgia

## Obituary

Mrs. Loretha Samples was born May 9, 1953 to Mary Ricks and Sam Holland in Candler County, Georgia. She departed this life on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Candler County Hospital. She was a member and Assistant Pastor of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church.

She attended school at Lillian Street High School in Metter, GA, Swainsboro Technical College in Swainsboro, GA and Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. She received an Associate of Arts degree from East Georgia College in Swainsboro, GA. While attending East Georgia College, Loretha received The Culture of The Non-Western World Award and the Minority Advising Award. She also studied at the International Correspondence School of Scranton, PA in 1995.

Mrs. Samples worked for the Georgia public school systems of Emanuel County, Candler County, Bibb County and was employed as secretary for Samples Tiles and Carpet.

She is survived by her husband, Jerome Samples of Metter, GA; two sons, Antonio Byrd (Theresa) of Cincinnati, OH, and Davon Byrd of Metter, GA; one daughter, Sheila Marshall of Statesboro, GA; six brothers, Ricky Ricks of Macon, GA; Bill Spann of Collins, GA, Wilburt Butler of Norfolk, VA, Kenneth Butler, Richard Butler and Lindsey Bellermar all of Metter, GA; seven sisters, Elaine Ricks of Macon, GA, Margaret Eason-Hughes of Stillmore, GA, Becky Bond of Orlando, FL, and Willene Wiggins and Glennell Eason both of Swainsboro, GA, Elitha Butler of Metter, GA, and Blanche Bellermar of Miami, FL, five grandchildren and several nieces, nephew and other relatives.

## Order or Service

Processional

Presiding.....Minister

Selection

Invocation.....Minister

Scripture

Old Testament-----Minister Teresa Bishop

New Testament-----Minister

Selection

Acknowledgements.....Whitaker Funeral Home Staff

Obituary..... Read Silently

Selection

Eulogy..... Rev. Waddell Bishop

Viewing

Recessional

### *Acknowledgements*

We would like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciations for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at this most difficult time. There are no words sufficient to express our gratitude. We pray that God will bless each of you.