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### Ellen Hamilton Bryan

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## *Pallbearers*

Nephews

## *Flower Attendants*

Tremont Temple Sunday School

## *Only One Step*

Do not grieve for me, my dear ones,  
Now that I have gone away,  
I have only stepped quietly through the door,  
Into the dawn of a brighter day.  
If you could see the beauty  
Of the garden I'm walking thru,  
If you could feel the touch of his hand,  
you would want to walk here too.  
If you could see the sunshine  
With no dark shadows lurking near,  
If you could know the joy supreme  
I find with my Lord so dear,  
Where no sorrow can ever be,  
You would be glad I slipped away  
To this beautiful land of eternity.  
I will be waiting for you my dear ones,  
I will be watching day by day,  
And I will ask my father to guide you,  
Lest you falter along the way.  
So when the day is over  
And the night is drawing nigh,  
I pray you too, find it only a step  
Where walk my precious Lord and I.

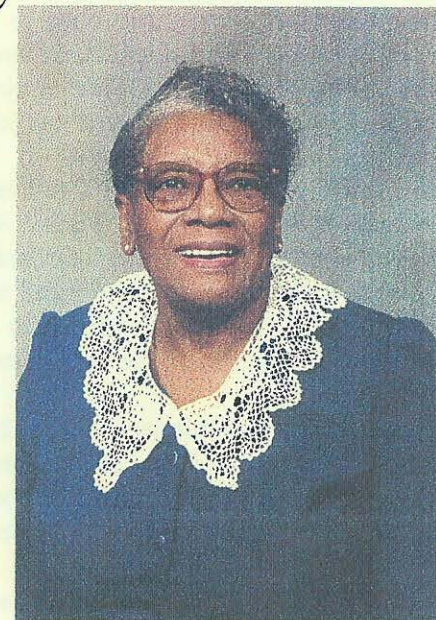
## *Expressions of Gratitude*

We are eternally grateful to our many friends who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of our sorrow. Your prayers, visits and every act of kindness have given us strength and inspiration which have made our burdens lighter. May God Bless each of you.

The Family

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# *Home Going Celebration*



*Mrs. Ellen Hamilton-Bryan*

*Friday, April 4, 1997*  
*11:00 AM*

*Tremont Temple Baptist Church*  
*1110 Martin Luther King Blvd*  
*Savannah, Georgia 31401*

*Service Entrusted to*  
*Williams & Williams Funeral Home*  
*1012 East Gwinnett Street*  
*Savannah, Georgia 31401*  
*(912) 234-1634*



## *Touching Lives As She Passed Along . . .*

December 14, 1921 was a very special day in the lives of many. It was the day that God loaned an angel to us for a short period of seventy five years.

Our angel Ellen Hamilton Bryan was born in Pocatigo, South Carolina to the union of Solomon and Lillian Hamilton. From the very beginning, Ellen embarked on a journey of service and inspiration that will long be treasured. Ellen accepted Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Pleasant, Baptist Church in Pocatigo.

Educated in the public schools of South Carolina until the seventh grade, Ellen's higher education was received at Mather School for Girls in Beaufort, South Carolina. Perhaps it was the high standards taught at Mather School for Girls. Perhaps it was the discipline provided by a loving family. Maybe it was the combination of both, intertwined with a strong Christian upbringing that fueled a fire in Ellen to strive for excellence in everything she attempted, including her punctuality.

Our angel developed a firm commitment to serve her fellow man and care for the less fortunate. Our angel provided a loving home environment for her husband of nearly fifty years, Louis Bryan, and her three daughters, Diane, Lillian, and Constance. Their home was heavily seasoned with respect for family, and service for the community.

After moving to Savannah, Mrs. Bryan joined Tremont Temple Baptist Church. She served as a Sunday School Teacher or Assistant Sunday School Teacher to youth and adults until her death. As past president of the Women's Missionary Society her commitment to service was evident. Mrs. Bryan also served as financial secretary of the Secret Pals, and organization that focused on studies of the Holy Bible.

The teachings and Missionary works of Ellen Bryan reached far beyond the confines of any church, and still can be found on many thoroughfares in Savannah, and can be seen on the faces of those she touched.

Young and old often remarked that "I tried," "I accepted," or "I achieved" because of Mrs. Bryan Influences. Perhaps it was her soft, sincere manner that made the difference.

Neighbors and friends throughout the years enjoyed the beauty of Mrs. Bryan's gardens. Blooms for every season could be seen in her gardens. The gardens reflected the beauty of the caregivers.

Called from her labor to her reward, our angel slipped quietly away on March 27, 1997. However, Ellen Hamilton Bryan's wisdom, lessons and kindhearted deeds will live on in all who came to know her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Soloman and Lillian Hamilton, her daughter Lillian B. Stephens, and two brothers. She is survived by two daughters, Diane Dixon, upper Marlboro, Maryland, Constance Johnson, Oglethorpe, Georgia; two sons-in-law, Rufus Stephens, Joliet, Illinois and

Herman Johnson, Oglethorpe, Georgia; two brothers, Soloman Hamilton, Washington, D.C. and Merit Hamilton, Point South, South Carolina; two sisters, Margaret Brown, St. Helena Island, South Carolina and Mable Smith, Port Royal, South Carolina; six grandchildren: Raynae Taylor (Larry), Copperas Cove Texas, Rufus Matthews, White Oak, Maryland, Tonya Matthews of Capitol Heights, Maryland, Monica and Constance Stephens of Joliet, Illinois and Jacqueline Johnson of Oglethorpe, Georgia; two great grandchildren, Marquis Taylor and LaCasa Taylor of Copperas Cove, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

## *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Come Ye Disconsolate Choir

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Rev. T.N. Tillman

New Testament ..... Rev. J. Powers

Prayer ..... Rev. Odell English

Selection ..... Uncloudy Day

Reflections ..... Deacon J.P. Phoenix

Mrs. Essie Johnson

Ms. Lori Williams

Mrs. Lillian Palmer

Selection ..... If I Can Help Somebody

Resolutions

Selection ..... I'll Be Somewhere Listening

Obituary ..... Ms. Cheryl Gordon

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Hope Jones

Selection ..... I Come to the Garden Alone

Eulogy ..... Rev. George J. Faison

Recessional ..... When We All Get To Heaven

**Interment**

**Hillcrest Abbey West**

**Savannah, Georgia**