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Ruvenest Lavada Heard

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Hallbearers

Bernard Heard Jr.	John E. Heard
Monroe Heard	Randle Heard Jr.
Silas Heard	Donald Johnson Jr.
Donald Johnson Sr.	Aaron McCullum
Fred Woods	

Floral Attendants

Nieces

When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve and shed wild tears, and hug your sorrow to you through the years, but start out bravely with a gallant smile; and for my sake and in my name live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways, reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer and I in-turn will comfort you and hold you near, and never ever be afraid to die, for I am waiting for you in the sky!

Acknowledgments

The family of Ruvenest Heard would like to express sincere thanks to everyone for their loving support through her illness and the going home of our lover one to be with the Lord.

The Heard and Slaffey
Family

Going Home Service

for



Sunrise
February 25, 1947

Sunset
January 18, 1997

Ruvenest Lavada Heard

Saturday, January 25, 1997 — 1:00 P.M.

Johnson Grove Baptist Church
R.F.D. Portal, Georgia

Rev. John C. Newkirk — Eulogist
Interment - Church Cemetery



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

Obituary

Ruvenest Lavada Heard, Daughter of Silas and Matilda Heard, was born February 25, 1927 in Portal Georgia (Bulloch County). She passed from this life Saturday, January 18, 1997.

She was educated in the Public School system of Bulloch County and she attended Savannah State College, in Savannah, Georgia. Ruvenest was joined in holy matrimony to Bing Crosby Thomas in January of 1946. From this union, one daughter was born, Kartez Thomas-Slaffey.

Ruvenest spent most of her life in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Atco, New Jersey. She joined St. Matthews Baptist, Williamstown, NJ where she served diligently on the Missionary Board, Choir and Flower Guild. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Florence, where she continued her service as a Missionary, on the Flower Guild, and Mother Board. She always looked forward to Sunday School each Sunday. Later, she joined Faith Temple Baptist Church in Williamstown and was a Faithful Prayer Warrior.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving daughter, Kartez Thomas-Slaffey, of Sicklerville, NJ; one grandson, Jacob Slaffey Jr.; one granddaughter-in-law, Michelle Slaffey; one great-granddaughter, Jordan Ruvenest Slaffey, of Fullerton, CA; three sisters, Annie M. Brawley, of Statesboro, GA, Alice Johnson, and her husband, Ivy Johnson, and Mollie H. Parrish of Portal, GA; two brothers, James Heard and his wife, Willie Lou, of Middlesex, NJ, and Leo F. Heard and his wife, Deloris, of Stone Mountain, GA; one aunt, Mamie Weaver of Middlesex, NJ; twenty-six nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING Donald Heard, Sr.

SOLO Ann Lippett

PRAYER Linda Stallings

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Randle Heard
Psalm 27

New Testament Bernard Heard

SELECTION Payton's Chorus

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Dionne Woods

REFLECTIONS James Heard

SOLO Ann Lippett

EULOGY Rev. John C. Newkirk

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RECESSIONAL

Psalm 27:1

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the Strength of My Life; of whom shall I be afraid.*