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# Going Home Celebration

Sunrise  
February 27, 1910

Sunset  
October 10, 2001

1910  
9/14/01

*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 knew 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.*



**Mrs. Thelma Jones Heard**

Monday, October 15, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.

Johnson Grove Baptist Church  
Portal, Georgia

Reverend John C. Newkirt, Pastor/Eulogist

Interment – Church Cemetery

*A Final Tribute*



*A Service by Payton's Mortuary  
Statesboro, Georgia*

## Obituary

Thelma Jones Heard, daughter of the late George and Sarah Parrish Jones, was born on February 27, 1910 in Bulloch County, Georgia. She departed this life on Wednesday, October 10, 2001, at her niece's residence in Portal, Georgia.

At an early age she joined Scarboro Grove Baptist Church where she served faithfully. She later joined Johnson Grove Baptist Church.

On September 18, 1932, she was united in holy matrimony to Gabriel Heard, who preceded her in death.

The couple relocated to Middlesex, New Jersey where they joined Calvary Baptist Church in Plainsfield, NJ serving faithfully until 1971; retiring and returning to Georgia. Upon returning to Georgia she reunited with Johnson Grove Baptist Church.

She was a member of the Charity and Goodwill Lodge #2 and the Helpful Chapter #210, Order of Eastern Star.

She leaves to cherish her memories; nine sisters-in-law, Mrs. Alma Jones, Mrs. Alice Johnson and Mrs. Mollie Parrish, all of Portal, GA, Mrs. Annie M. Brawley of Statesboro, GA, Mrs. Theresa Heard Oliver of Savannah, GA, Mrs. Ernestine Williams of Cincinnati, OH, Mrs. Delores Heard of Stone Mountain, GA, Mrs. Willie R. Heard and Mrs. Fannie Heard McCollum, both of Middlesex, NJ; six brothers-in-law, Mr. Waymon Stokes of Teachers, NC, Mr. James Heard and Mr. Aaron McCollum, both of Middlesex, NJ, Mr. Leo Heard of Stone Mountain, GA, Mr. Ivy Johnson of Portal, GA and Mr. Judge Oliver of Savannah, GA; a special niece and nephew, Mrs. Valeria and Mr. Henry Harden of Portal, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Processional	
Presiding.....	Rev. F. L. Roberts
Selection.....	Payton's Chorus
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. J. W. H. Thomas, Jr.
Scriptures	
Old Testament.....	John E. Heard, Jr.
New Testament.....	Douglas Jones
Selection.....	Payton's Chorus
Tribute – As a Neighbor.....	Rev. Purvis Royal
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Solo.....	Ms. Valeria Simmons
Acknowledgments.....	Ms. Patricia Willis
Selection.....	Payton's Chorus
	“May The Work I've done Speak for Me”
Eulogy.....	Rev. John C. Newkirt
Recessional	

### Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Johnson Grove Baptist Church

### Active Pallbearers

Nephews

### Floral Attendants

Nieces

### Acknowledgments

*The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to each of you for all acts of love and kindness shown during their time of bereavement. May God bestow his richest blessings on each of you as their prayer.*