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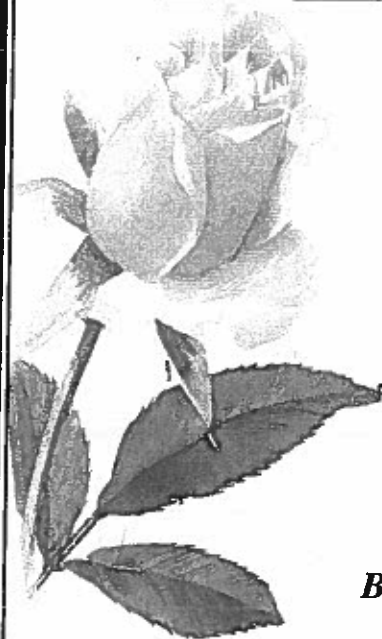
Lessie Mae Gadson

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*The Rose Still
Grows
Beyond The Wall*

*Near a shady wall a rose once
grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's
free light,*

*Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.*

*Onward it crept with added strength,
with never a thought of fear or pride.
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
and make our courage faint or fail?
Nay! Let us faith and hope received:
The rose still grows beyond the wall.*

*Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will for evermore.*

A. L. Frink

Flower Attendants

Ascension Peace Presbyterian Ushers

Pallbearers

*Jimmy Groover
Marvin Groover
Ollie Robinson*

*Ernest Groover
Johnny Groover
Freddie Lovell*

Acknowledgment

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation the expressions of love and affection extended during the life of Lessie Mae Gadson. Your prayers and thoughtfulness during her illness and our bereavement will always be remembered.

Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

Repast

*Repast for the family will be served at
Ascension Peace Presbyterian Church
following the interment.*

Professional Services Entrusted To:



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A Service Of Witness To the Resurrection

*For
Lessie Mae Gadson*

September 27, 1923 ~ April 19, 2003



Saturday, April 26, 2003 ~ 11:00 A. M.

*Ascension Peace Presbyterian Church
2701 North State Road 7
Lauderhill, Florida 33313*

*Officiating
Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Anglin, Pastor
Everett Edwards, Organist*

A Roy Mizell and Kurtz Funeral Home Service

Obituary

Mrs. Lessie Mae Gadson

September 27, 1923 - April 19, 2009

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

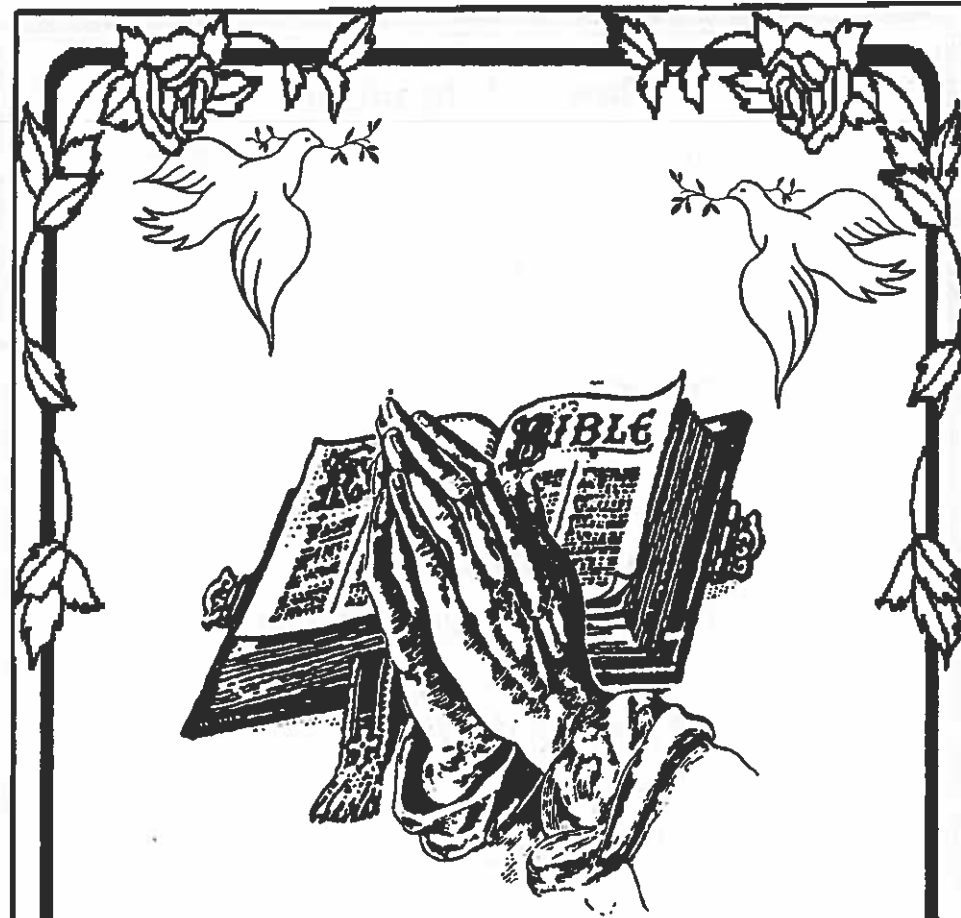
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Lessie Mae Gadson was born in Millen, Georgia to the late Tom and Alice Groover. She received her education through the Jenkins County School System. She grew up in a Christian family and developed her personal relationship with our Lord and Savior through her membership and active participation in worship at Saint Matthew Baptist Church.

Lessie was a war time bride. She married Julius Gadson on July 8, 1943. The young couple moved to Boston, Massachusetts where Julius was stationed during World War II. Following the war, they returned to Millen where Lessie renewed her commitment to Saint Matthew Baptist Church.

Lessie and Julius moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1954. She joined Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. Later, she joined Ascension Peace Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of the Deacon Board, Usher Board and Presbyterian Women.

Lessie's husband, Julius, and daughter, Julia Mae, preceded her in death. Lessie leaves to cherish her memory a loving and devoted son, Charlie Groover, and his wife, Vera; one granddaughter, Ivy G. McQuarter, MD (Julian McQuarter, MD) of Kingsport, Tennessee; one brother, Lonnie Groover (Doris); three sisters: Wardell Groover, Lillie Mae Payton and Irene Darling (Rev. James Darling). In addition to her siblings, Lessie is survived by nephews Jimmy, Ernest and Marvin Groover (Loretta) and Ollie Robinson of Ft. Lauderdale, Wilma Groover (Sylvia) of Newark, New Jersey, Jaycee Groover (Hilary) of Millen, Georgia, Johnny Groover (Zina) of Fort Hood, Texas, Ruben Groover (Lois) of Millen, Georgia, Gregory, Jeffrey (Lula), Christopher and Rodney Payton of Ft. Lauderdale and Travis Payton of Tallahassee, FL. Additionally, she is survived by nieces Ozella Groover of Atlanta, Georgia and Linda Groover of Lauderdale Lakes, FL, brother-in-law, Ollie Robinson of Ft. Lauderdale and a host of grandnephews, grandnieces, cousins and friends.



23rd Psalms

*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 leadeth me in the
path 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 com-
fort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the pres-
ence 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 for ever.*

Witness to the Resurrection Order of Worship

Prelude Hymn No. 400	"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" George Matheson	
*The Processional Hymn #275	"Amazing Grace-How Sweet the Sound"	
The Call to Worship	Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Anglin	
The Invocation	Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Anglin	
Selection	"Victory Is Mine" Dorothy Norwood	The Choir

The Prayer of Confession (Congregation Standing)

Holy God, You see us as we are and know our innermost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not always sought or done Your will Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and forever. Amen

The Assurance of Pardon	Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Anglin
The Response	"Hear Our Prayer O Lord"
The Scripture Readings	Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Anglin
Old Testament - Psalm 23	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

(Play softly Hymn No. 108

"God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years")

Hymn No. 104	"The Lord's My Shepherd" (Second Tune) T.C.L. Pritchard
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The Acknowledgments	Roy Mizell and Kurtz Staff	
Selection	"Absent From The Body" Brenda Water	The Choir

Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Anglin
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*Hymn, No. 139	"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" Fanny Crosby
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The Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

*The Recessional Hymn No. 124	"Be Not Dismayed Whate're Betide" Civilla D. Martin
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*The Congregation Will Please Stand