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### Ethel Hobbs

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## *May I Go Now?*

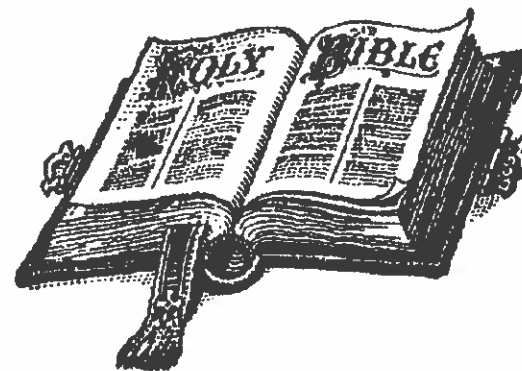
*May I go now! Don't you think the time is right?  
May I say good-bye to pain filled days, endless sleepless nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best, an example I tried to be,  
So, can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?  
I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might!  
But something seems to draw me now, to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go! I really do! It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can to live just one more day.  
To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and are afraid, because I see your tears.  
I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know,  
that my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.  
Thank you so for loving me, you know I loved you too.  
That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you.  
So-hold me now, just one more time, and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me,  
You'll let me go today...*

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## *Funeral Services*

*For*



*Mrs. Ethel Hobbs*

Friday, December 22, 2000  
11:00 a.m.

Lakeside First Baptist Church  
Metter, Georgia

Rev. Dr. James Joyce, Pastor  
Rev. Roosevelt Bryant, Eulogist

Interment - Church Cemetery

*Professional Services  
Entrusted to:  
Whitaker Funeral Home of Metter, Georgia*

## *Obituary*

Mrs. Ethel Mae Royal Hobbs was born April 10, 1910 in Bulloch County, Georgia to the late Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Ella Royal. She attended the public schools of Bulloch County. She joined Lakeside First Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until her death.

Early in life she met and married Roosevelt Hobbs. To this union five children were born. Her husband and three of her children, Rosie Mae, Edward "E. H." and George preceded her in death. Mrs. Hobbs passed away on Friday, December 15, 2000 under the care of Ogeechee Area Hospice.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a son, Coley Hobbs (Tera) of Metter, GA; a daughter, Ella Hobbs of Metter, GA; seventeen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren and twenty great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Presiding.....Rev. Alton Hobbs

Viewing

Song.....Choir

Invocation.....Rev. Roosevelt Bryant

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Terry Brown

New Testament.....Rev. Alton Hobbs

Solo.....Sis. Shaunta Ellis

Acknowledgments.....Whitaker Funeral Home Staff

Obituary (Read Silently)

Solo.....Elder Terry Brown

Eulogy.....Rev. Roosevelt Bryant

Recessional

### *Pallbearers*

Stanley Smith

Jimmy McCollum

B. C. McCollum

Shaun Johnson

Walter George

Emmitt Byrd

### *Acknowledgments*

*The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to their friends for the kindness, love and support shown them during their time of bereavement.*