



Pallbearers ~ Nephews

Flower Bearers ~ Nieces

Repast

Antioch Baptist Church Dining Hall

Acknowledgements

The Upshaw family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Sumbry's Mortuary

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Honoring The Life
and
Home Going Service
of



Dorothy Lee (Doll) Upshaw

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Antioch Baptist Church

4674 Antioch Road * Pittsview, Alabama

Rev. Daniel Thomas, Pastor

~Officiating~



Our Precious Mother...

Mom, there is such an empty space in our hearts. It is difficult to imagine life without having you in our lives. When you told us last Christmas that you "may not be with us next Christmas," we refused to believe it. In hindsight, you tried to prepare us in so many ways. Now we are struggling so hard to accept your departure. We know that your body was tired and weak. You endured so much pain and fought for so long to stay here with us. God saw your suffering and pain, so he closed your tired eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine."

You sacrificed and gave so much of yourself to us and others. Your love, kindness and wisdom was felt by so many people. Your presence radiated a powerful and gentle spirit that are forever embedded into our hearts. Your spirit was unselfish and sympathetic. You taught us to love and respect everyone. It took an incredibly special Lady to raise 8 children in a very complicated world, while holding to the values you have taught us. We have witnessed the sweat on your brow after working tirelessly to help raise your family without complaining.

We will miss the presence of your beauty, your grace, your bright smile, your hugs, your wit and jokes. We will also miss the songs you would sing for comfort and your rest for life and all the joy it brought. You left us with so much love and values in our lives and in our children lives. You did not go alone, a part of us went with you and we will be together again someday. God has taken to heaven a beautiful bright SUNFLOWER for his garden.

Affectionately, Your Children

Your Grand Kids



To the woman who made the absolute BEST grits in the world;
the woman who gave us a little taste of coffee with a whole lot of cream;
the woman whose egg pies made something that sounds so ordinary melt in your mouth, it was so delicious;
the woman whose fabulous hat collection was unparalleled;
the woman who made sure our summers will forever be memorable, from church camp to sneaking in the store for goodies;
the woman who made Christmas Day something we looked forward to every year;
the woman whose hugs and kisses were always soft and plentiful;
the woman who made us laugh, cry, and love all at once each time we saw her;
This woman we lovingly call "Grandma" and "PaMa"...God has finally called you home, and your work here is done.
We know you are looking down on us, watching us continue to grow from up above.
We love you and miss you dearly.

As children, we can not comprehend or fully realize the meaning of a grandmother's love. How wise she is, how much patience she has, or how much guidance she gives us by her example and by her helpful caring ways. Years go by before we know and understand the depth of her concern and the love in her protectiveness. But as we mature we do finally understand and we can look back and see through older eyes and wiser hearts her unconditional love, devotion, and family loyalty. It's these and many other things that make us realize how lucky we have been to have this amazing woman - our grandmother - as the centered root of strength and love in our life. Your love, grandma, a special love that can never be replaced.

Forever in Our Hearts, The Grand kids

Precious Memories

Dorothy & Joseph April 12, 1953



Doll 6 years old



Doll 12 years old



A Celebration of Life Banquet-Oct. 30, 2010



Family photo - 1998



Dorothy Lee (Doll) Upshaw

Born:

August 2, 1934



Departed

December 8, 2010



DOROTHY LEE UPSHAW

My Dear Wife...life will never be the same now that you are not with me. You are the love of my life and can never be replaced. I wanted to give you so much more, because you deserved more than what I could ever give you. I truly wanted to make you happy. You were a true woman to me. You showed me your love each day and I returned my love to you. I appreciated your labor throughout the years and regret not being able to travel with you to places to enjoy what we worked so hard to have. I have lost and Heaven has gained. Nothing could separate the love that we have for each other. I have asked the Lord to give me strength to bear this pain. This comes deeply from my heart.

Your Loving Husband

Joseph (Oop)

Obituary

Dorothy Lee Upshaw, also known as “Doll & Doris”, was born on August 2, 1934 in Eufaula, Alabama. to the late Nellie Mae Daniel Wilborn and the late Constine Wilborn.

Dorothy confessed to Christ at the age of 12 years old and joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Eufaula, Alabama. She attended Van Buren High School in Eufaula, Alabama and received her General Educational Diploma in 1969. After her marriage to Joseph Upshaw on April 12, 1953, she transferred her membership to Antioch Baptist Church in Pittsview, Alabama and remained a faithful member until her death. Dorothy was a loyal and devoted member of Antioch Baptist Church. She served benevolently on the Usher Board and as President of the Missionary Board for about 30 years. Dorothy had a passion for singing and took pleasure in being one of the lead vocalists in the church choir. She diligently served on various committees and church functions within the community.

Dorothy was very creative in contributing to the family household. She exhibited her entrepreneurial skills in many ways. Dorothy was a seamstress, general store owner, flea market vendor selling everything from produce, clothing to household goods and worked long hours on the farm. Dorothy was highly respected by many generations in the community, transporting young people to school functions and the elderly to and from their doctors appointments for many years.

Dorothy showed an appreciation for all the splendor that life had to offer. Her grace, passion and energy was a major asset to her character. She was a peaceful, generous and giving person who revered the Lord. Despite her illness, her constitution of resilience and immense spirit did not impede her zest for life.

On Wednesday morning, December 8, 2010, God took his faithful servant home to glory.

Dorothy’s legacy and everlasting memories will be forever cherished by her family and friends. Her loving spirit will always be treasured by her survivors: her devoted husband, Joseph Upshaw Sr., Pittsview, Alabama; sons, the late Joseph Upshaw Jr.; Jerry Lee (Sharon) Upshaw, Carrollton, Texas; Ricky Curtis (Curtistine) Upshaw, Phenix City, Alabama; daughters, Carolyn Delois (Earnest) Kendrick, Ellenwood, Georgia; Erma Jean (Rev. Elijah) Person, Pittsview, Alabama; Bernice (Robert) Brown, Barbara Ann (William) Nail, both of Lithonia, Georgia; Mary Catherine (Cornelius) Vick, Chesapeake, Virginia; one brother, the late Roy B. Wilborn; four sisters, Hazel Craddock, Isabella Phillips, Betty O’Neal all of Columbus, Georgia and Myrtis (Joe) Williams, Detroit, Michigan; 20 grandchildren; 7 great Grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION Antioch Church Choir

SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament Rev. J. D. Upshaw

New Testament Rev. Fletcher Pugh

PRAYER Pastor Viola M. Clay

SONG Shayna Vick (Grand Daughter)

EXPRESSIONS:

As a Friend Mary L. Ivey

As a Neighbor Willie Mae Upshaw

As a Church Member Henry Lee Grant, Jr.

MUSICAL SELECTION Atai Lee Nail (Granddaughter)

OBITUARY Read Silently

SONG Marceda Lewis

EULOGY Rev. Daniel Thomas

SELECTION Antioch Church Choir

RECESSIONAL



INTERMENT
Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery



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