

In Loving Memory  
of  
Ella Rhea Giddings



- Service -

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1993  
One O'clock P.M.

SOUTH UNION MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Marlin, Texas

*Reverend Kevin Burkley, Pastor  
Rev. Haynes and Rev. Johnson, Officiating*

Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;  
The soul that rises with us, our life's star.  
Hath had elsewhere its setting,  
and cometh from afar  
Not in entire for forgetfulness  
and not in utter nakedness.  
But trailing clouds of glory do we come.

## Obituary

Our wife, mother and grandmother, Ella Rhea Patterson Giddings, was born November 10, 1907 in Ivanhoe, Texas.

Mrs. Giddings spent her early childhood years in Fannin County and Houston, Texas. In her early teenage years she moved to Falls County to live with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Booker, her aunt and uncle.

At that time two miracles occurred in her life. She met T. C. Giddings and she united with Bethany Baptist Church under the ministry of Reverend Frank Ervin. Mrs. Giddings remained with both until her death on Tuesday, March 16, 1993.

Mrs. Giddings, the oldest daughter of Leatha and Mack Patterson, married T. C. on November 24, 1924. To this union ten (10) children were born, six girls and four boys. One of the sons, Robert, preceded her in death.

To her family, she was not only a mother and grandmother but a bright light in all of their lives. Her children thought of her as being like God, the Holy Spirit, always teaching them to be full of hope, joy and love.

Left behind to cherish her memory is her husband of 68 years, T. C.; three sons, James Giddings, Charlie Giddings and Maurice Giddings; six daughters, Verna Lee Gilbert, Dorsie Mae Henderson, Leathia Ann Dancy, Zida Jackson, Stella Giddings and Ola B. McDade; forty-nine grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; eight sisters, Bobbie Craft, Vaughnell Davis, Helen Bey, Patsy Dumas, Lillian Patterson, Willie Mae Lidell and Clyde Milton; four brothers, Roscoe Patterson, Alfred Patterson, Reverend George Booker and Joe Patterson; and a host of relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Song . . . . . *"Near the Cross"*

Prayer . . . . . Rev. Kevin Burkley

Scriptures:

Old Testament . . . . . Rev. Haynes

New Testament . . . . . Rev. Charles Bailey

Prayer . . . . . Rev. L. E. Lawson Sr.

Song . . . . . *"Too Much Complaining"*

Resolutions . . . . . Bethany Baptist Church  
South Union Baptist Church  
Others

Remarks . . . . . (Limit 2 minutes, please)

Song . . . . . *"That's Alright"*

Words of Comfort . . . . . Rev. W. M. Johnson

A Final Glimpse 'til Glory . . . . . Dorsey-Keatts  
Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

## Hallbearers

Roosevelt Gilbert Jr.  
Calvin Giddings  
Jeffery Jackson

Robert Henderson  
Gregory Dancy  
Bernard Giddings

Michael Giddings

Tho you have come to the end of the road  
and the Sun has set you free.  
We'll gather no more in a gloom-filled room  
For a soul that has been set free.  
We'll miss you - for a long, long time  
and travel with our heads held high  
Looking to Glory by and by.  
For this is a journey that we all must take  
and each must go alone;  
It's all a part of the Master plan  
a step on the road to Home.  
We Love You

## Interment

Peaceful Rest Cemetery

*WILL THOSE DRIVING IN THE PROCESSION KINDLY  
TURN ON THEIR HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY!*

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