



# Homegoing Celebration

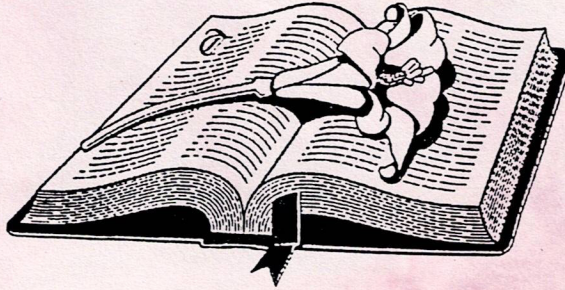


for

## SISTER ARTIE M. MATHIS

Sunrise:  
Dec. 16, 1915

Sunset:  
Feb. 20, 1996



~ Services ~

Saturday, February 24, 1996 - 11:00 A.M.

**PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

944 Rev. B. J. Lewis Drive  
Houston, Texas 77088

*Rev. Michael L. Jones*  
*Officiating*



*Portraits of Memory*

*Order of Service*

*Tribute*

*Pallbearers*

# *Biographical Sketch*

**Name:** Artie M. Mathis

**Birthdate:** December 16, 1915 - Groveton, Texas

**Parents:** W.H. and Clara Mathis

**Education:** Antioch Elementary School  
Crockett High School  
Mary Allen Jr. College  
Franklin Beauty School - 1944  
Texas State University For Negroes (B.S. - Art) - 1949  
Texas Southern University (Masters Education) - 1954

**Profession:** Educator for fifty-one years  
Lamar Consolidated I.S.D.  
Aldine I.S.D.  
Houston I.S.D.

**Religious Affiliations:** Baptized at Antioch Baptist Church (East Prairie, Texas)  
Galilee Baptist Church (Houston, Texas) - 1948  
Progressive Baptist Church (Houston, Texas) - 1953  
Former Choir Member, Trustee, Mission

**Other Affiliations:** Texas Retired Teachers Association

**Life Departure:** February 20, 1996. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Willie B. Mathis; one sister, Dora Davis; one granddaughter, LaWanda Nelson.

**Survivors:** One son, James H. Smith and daughter-in-law, Rena Smith; four grandchildren, Raynetta Glenn, Artie Robinson, Clarissa Lott and husband Thaddeus, Reginald Smith and wife Wanda; twelve great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*Artie M.*  
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*"Let The Works I've Done Speak For Me"*



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# Footprints In The Sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



# Order of Service

Processional ..... Pastor and Family

Final Viewing

Song ..... Choir  
"Amazing Grace"

Scripture ..... Ministers

Old Testament ..... Rev. Robert Young

New Testament ..... Rev. Franklin Callaway

Prayer ..... Rev. Stanley Wilburn, Jr.

Solo ..... Bro. Chester Green

Obituary (Read Silently) ..... Soft Music

Eulogistic Remarks ..... Rev. J. W. Ketchum  
Rev. B. J. Lewis

Song ..... Choir  
"I'll Fly Away"

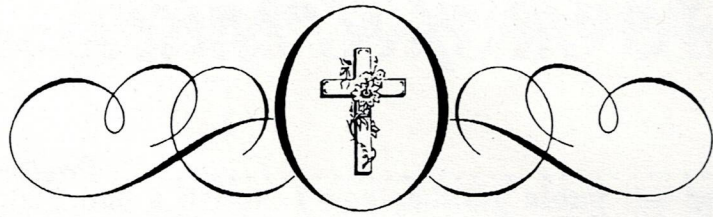
SERMON ..... REV. MICHAEL L. JONES

Recessional ..... (Soft Music) "I'll Fly Away"

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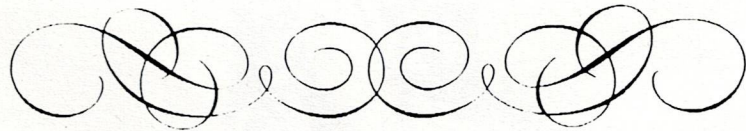
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## *A Special Tribute*

**Teacher you taught us well.  
You taught us discipline, values and strength  
Your directness taught us to take on  
The world straight forward  
Teacher you taught us endurance.  
As the Master takes your hand,  
The lessons you taught is on what we will stand.  
Teacher you taught us well.**

**- - - Raynetta Glenn**



*Pallbearers*  
Trustees

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Thaddeus Lott, Jr.  
Reginald H. Smith  
Kehnon Glenn

Rodney Robinson  
Thaddeus Lott, III  
Reginald H. Smith, Jr.



*Appreciation*

We wish to thank each of you for whatever kindness shown to us. May God richly bless each of you for your concern and extended sympathy at the loss of our loved one.

--- The Family

# *Interment*

Pennington Cemetery  
Pennington, Texas  
Rev. J. W. Ketchum, Officiating



*Jessie H. Pruitt*  
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