

The Coronation Service

for



Mrs. Bernice Sedolia Porter Mark

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1975 AT 11:00 A. M.
ST. PAUL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Reverend J. B. Mark, Pastor
Reverend V. L. Brown, Officiating

Order of Service

Presiding: Reverend V. L. Brown
Pastor, Miles Chapel
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church - Houston, Texas

Prelude

Processional

Hymn "Abide With Me" St. Paul Choir

Prayer Reverend F. B. Deason
Presiding Elder, Beaumont-Nacogdoches District, C. M. E. Church

The First Scripture Reverend Rozell Gray
Presiding Elder, Fort Worth District, C. M. E. Church

The Second Scripture Reverend D. D. Thomas
Presiding Elder, Greenville-Texarkana District, C. M. E. Church

Hymn "The Christian Life" St. Paul Choir

Resolutions Mrs. O. Sadler

Memorial Tributes:

Dr. Allen C. Hancock - President of Texas College

Mrs. E. W. F. Harris - President Emeritus, National Missionary Council,
C. M. E. Church

Reverend T. W. Berry - President Ministerial Alliance, Nacogdoches

Dr. Ina Bolton Brown - A Founder, Top Ladies of Distinction,
Incorporated

Mr. E. W. Mosby, Member, St. Paul C. M. E. Church, Orange, Texas

Music "His Eye's On The Sparrow" . . . Mrs. Ella Fair Lampkin
and Chorus, St. Paul C. M. E. Church

Eulogy Bishop Caesar David Coleman
Presiding Prelate, Eighth Episcopal District
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas

Recessional "Goin Home"

Active Pallbearers

Howard Acrey
Donald Allen
Fred Lampkin
Charlie Sheffield

R. S. Simmons
C. L. Simon
Finis Simpson
Eugene Tolbert

O. Sadler

Honorary Pallbearers

College of Bishops, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
The National Missionary Council, C. M. E. Church
The Missionaries of the Eighth Episcopal District
Bishops and Ministers' Wives of the C. M. E. Church
Officers and Members of St. Paul C. M. E. Church, Nacogdoches and Orange
Officers and Members of the Beaumont - Nacogdoches District
of the C. M. E. Church

Flower Bearers

Stewardess Boards - No. One, Two, and Three
St. Paul C. M. E. Church

Nacogdoches Chapter
Top Ladies of Distinction Incorporated

*God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flowers-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised, strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer; Light on the way,
Grace for the trial, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, Undying love.*

CROSSING THE BAR

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep
Too full for sound and foam.
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

*For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

...Alfred Tennyson

Obituary

A NOBLE LIFE

(A Great Lady)

*Nobly thy course is run
Splendor is round it;
Bravely thy fight is won
Victory crowned it.*

*In thy warfare of heaven
Grown old and hoary
Thy art like the summer sun
Shrouded in God's Glory.*

Bernice Sedolia Porter Mark, a prominent church woman, civic and educational leader, was the only child born to the union of the late Bishop Henry Phillip Porter and Elnora Brocks.

She began her early education in the public school of Nacogdoches and completed her high school work in Houston, Texas. Her college work include earning both Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Prairie View A. and M. University; advanced studies at the University of Kansas; Hampton Institute of Hampton, Virginia and Columbia University, New York. She studied music at the Julliard School of Music, New York City.

Mrs. Mark's teaching career included tenure at Texas College in Tyler; Pittsburg, Texas; three years as a Jean's Supervisor of Tyler County and principal of the Chester Consolidated High School, Chester, Texas. She served as principal from 1937 - 1969 (a total of 33 years).

She married the Reverend J. B. Mark August, 1936 and walked by his side supporting his ministry through the pastorage of Memorial Chapel C. M. E. Church, Lufkin, Texas; St. Paul C. M. E. Church at Orange and the present church, St. Paul C. M. E. Church in Nacogdoches.

She served in many departments of her local church including Sunday School teacher, Missionary worker, Choir Member and Pianist.

Mrs. Mark was South East Conference President of the Missionary Society and was a member of the Board of Missions of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

While in the teaching profession, she held membership in the State and National teachers' Associations and was appointed by the Honorable Preston Smith, Governor of Texas, to the Committee on Education.

She was a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction Organization in which she served as National Parliamentarian for two years. She was Most Ancient Matron of the Heriones of Jericho and a member of the Trustee Board of Texas College at Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Mark departed this life Saturday, April 12, 1975, following a very brief illness at the Lufkin Memorial Hospital, Lufkin, Texas. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving and devoted husband, Reverend J. B. Mark; one foster brotner; two step-daughters; one brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; paternal and maternal cousins; many devoted and outstanding alumni of her teaching career; members of the United Church Women; Co-workers and loyal members in all branches of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and a host of friends.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*The family gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation
your comforting expressions rendered through every act of
kindness during their hours of bereavement.*



*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there,
Perhaps you spoke words of kindness, as only a friend could say
Or perhaps you just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.*



She walks in beauty, like the night
And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
But tell of days in goodness spent,
A mind at peace with all below,
A heart whose love is innocent!

—Lord Byron

Interment

MT. COMFORT CEMETERY, LAIRD HILL
KILGORE, TEXAS

SERVICES UNDER:

Colonial Mortuary - Lufkin
O. Sadler Funeral Home - Nacogdoches
Jones Funeral Home - Kilgore



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