

In Loving Memory



Sister Vivian

Elizabeth Gatlin-Conerly

"And God shall wipe away tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

Revelation 21:4

Visitation

Thursday, December 28, 2000

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Services

Thursday, December 28, 2000

1:00 p.m.

Pleasant Grove M. B. Church

Pleasant Grove Road

McComb, Mississippi

Rev. Hilton Harrell, Pastor/Officiant



Sister Vivian Elizabeth Gatlin Conerly

Sunrise
December 26, 1921

Sunset
December 22, 2000



A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we love is stilled,
A place is vacant in our hearts
Which never can be filled.

I'm Free

"Don't grieve for me, I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, or work to the close of day.

If my parting has left you with a void,
Please fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, I know you'll miss
But be not burdened with times of sorrow.
For I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, and a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
But please don't lengthen it with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
The joy that God wanted for me; He set me free.

So please don't stand by my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am now the wind that blows,
I am the rushing river that flows.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am that swift uplifting rush.
I am the quiet bird in circled flight,
I am the soft star that shines at night.

So please don't stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.



But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

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Obituary

Vivian Elizabeth Gatlin Conerly was born in the Fernwood community on December 26, 1921. She was the second child born to Jethro Gatlin and Rovilla Lampton Gatlin.

Vivian Gatlin was baptized as a young girl in the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church and remained a member until her death.

Vivian was a lady who always had love in her heart for everyone and a beautiful smile. Her favorite scripture was the 23rd Psalm.

Vivian Gatlin was joined in holy matrimony to Wallace Charles "WC" Conerly on March 4, 1939. To this union, two children were born. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son and two brothers.

Vivian leaves to cherish her many memories, a daughter, Willie Pearl Conerly, of Fernwood. Three grandchildren: Vivian Diane Conerly, Joshua Terell Conerly, Joseph Lee Conerly and a special granddaughter, Kimberly Hughes, all of McComb, MS. Two great-grandchildren: Lorenzo Crossley and LaZavion Lee. Two sisters: Doris Quinn and Norma L. Hodges, both of McComb, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Ministers & Family

Mistress of Ceremony Sis. Sandra Gatlin

Song Choir

Scripture Sis. Camille Hodges
Old Testament

Scripture Sis. Myrtis Hodges
New Testament

Prayer Rev. Hilton Harrell

Solo Bro. Floyd Hodges, Jr.

Tributes: (2 minutes please)

Family Tribute Sis. Jacqueline Hodges

Acknowledgments Sis. Dolsia Simmons

Solo Sis. Nita Pounds

Obituary Sis. Clara M. Williams

Eulogy Rev. Hilton Harrell

Expressions of Thanks Bro. Napoleon Hodges

A Parting View Peoples Undertaking
Funeral Home Staff in Charge

Recessional

Interment Pleasant Grove Cemetery



Repast

Pleasant Grove Fellowship Hall

A Tribute to My Mother



from Daughter "Pearl" and Grandchildren

The time has come for us to say good-bye
Not only were you my mother,
You were my friend and mother to my children.
We were not always together
But it didn't matter
When we needed you Mother,
You were always there.

Even though we love you
And wanted you with us
The Master made some other plans
And placed you on this train.

Once you reach your destination
We know you'll love it there
For you know you're going to a place
Where we know you'll get good care.

So now that you have done your part
We know you did your best
Now it's all left up to us
To carry on the rest.

A million times we'll miss you
A million times we'll cry
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died.

But God, with his Infinite Wisdom
Decided you needed a rest
He needed a rose for His garden
And we feel, he picked the very best.

We'll always remember you Mother
Just as you were
fun, loving and caring.

Expressions of Thanks

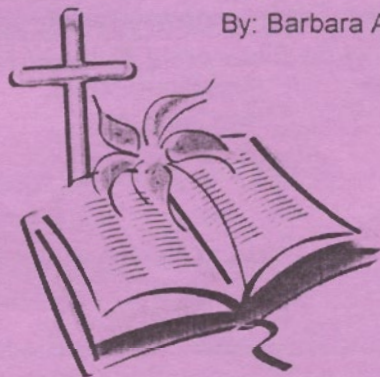
We, the family, acknowledge with sincere gratitude your expressions of sympathy rendered to us. As deeply saddened as we are by our loss, we are and shall be forever grateful to our many friends and relatives for the kindness rendered, the prayers offered, the comforting words, and the sincere concern and love shown during the brief illness and at the death of our loved one.

Thank you and **MAY GOD FOREVER BLESS YOU.**



When the night was young and restless
And we were all worried about the days of our lives,
The Lord said, you are all my children
And let me be your guiding light
And I will take you to another world.

By: Barbara Ann Addison



Honorary Pallbearers

Joshua Terrell Conerly
Joseph Lee Conerly
Thomas Watson
Henry D. Tobias
Talmus Hodges

Active Pallbearers

Charles Gatlin
Dennis Hodges
Floyd Hodges
Napoleon Hodges

James Hodges
Craig Hodges
Grover Hodges
Ralph Hodges

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Friends of the Family

Interment

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Final Arrangements Entrusted to
and Professionally Directed by:

Peoples Enterprise Funeral Home

Elmwood Street
McComb, MS

