

Honorary Floral Bearers

*West Chatham Nutrition Site
Council on Aging, Siler City, NC*



Floral Bearers

Nieces



Pall Bearers

Nephews



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their humble thanks and gratitude to relatives and friends for all their acts of kindness and sympathy at the loss of their loved one.



Homegoing Celebration of Mrs. Novella Thompson Dowdy "Nokey"

*Sunrise
November 18, 1913*

*Sunset
November 21, 2004*



Wednesday, November 24, 2004

11:00 a.m.

*Roberts Chapel
Missionary Baptist Church
439 Roberts Chapel Road
Goldston, North Carolina 27252*

*Dr. Sampson Buie, Jr.
Pastor Officiating*

Order of Worship

- Prelude.....Organist
- Processional Hymn.....Ministers & Family
- Hymn "Down At The Cross"
- Scripture
Old Testament
New Testament
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- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Sampson Buie, Jr.
- Hymn.....Bro. Jimmy Thompson
 "Jesus Loves Me"
- Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Mrs. Sharon Wellman
(Silent Reading of Obituary)
- Tribute to Novella.....Deacon J. Wallace Jones
Family Tribute
- Solo.....Sis. Patricia Alston
 "Let the Work I've Done"
- Eulogy.....Pastor Sampson Buie, Jr.
- Recessional
- Interment.....Church Cemetery



Obituary

On Sunday afternoon, the day of our Lord, our dear loved one, Novella Thompson Dowdy, one of God's beloved angels went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She was born on November 18, 1913 in Chatham County, NC to Edgar and Daisy Thompson. She married Elmus L. Dowdy, Sr. who preceded her in death, as well as her daughter, Shirley Ann.

She joined Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and dedicated her life to her church and family. Her commitment to her church and community is reflected in the numerous positions she held at her church. It was a joy for her to sing with the choir, which she did for 50 years and was a charter member. She was a member of the Missionary Circle where she at one time served as President. She served on the Usher Board and taught Sunday School. She was awarded the Golden Choir Member Award in 1995.

She loved everybody, visiting the sick and shut-in as well as singing and cooking.

Novella "Nokey" as she was lovingly called was always giving a "little piece of money" as she called it to someone in need. Always smiling, complementing, never complaining, most humble and obedient to God who was first in her life.

Those left to cherish and reflect on a most meaningful life are her children, Billy S. Dowdy (Bertha), Goldston, NC, Josephine Cotten (Fred), Goldston, NC, Hannah Johnson (Curt), Mitchellville, MD, Elmus L. Dowdy, Jr. of the home and Delma Murdock (Fred), Pleasant Garden, NC; two sisters, Margaret Hannah, Bear Creek, NC and Berta Fox (James), Goldston, NC; two brothers, John Lewis Thompson, Siler City, NC and Earl Thompson (Dorothy), Sanford, NC. She leaves eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends.

*You can shed tears that she is or you can smile because she lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back.
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her.
Or can be full of love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday.
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone.
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

THE FAMILY