

Celebrating the Life

Of

Mae Johnnie Dowdell Fleming

July 11, 1933 — June 28, 2005



Friday, July 1, 2005

11:00 a.m.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Loachapoka, AL

Pastor Anthony Shealey, Officiating

We are confident, yes, well pleased to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)

Obituary

Mae Johnnie Dowdell Fleming was born in Lee County, AL to the parentage of the late James and Emma Scell Dowdell. She entered peacefully into the arms of the Father on Tuesday, June 28, at her residence.

At an early age, she gave her life to Christ and joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Loachapoka, AL. She faithfully served in many positions at Mt. Zion through the years – as Church Secretary, President of the Matrons, a Deaconess and a C.F.C. member. She often stated how much she “loved her church.”

She earned a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Alabama State University and a Masters of Education from Troy State University. Her career as an educator began in Harris County, GA. After leaving Harris County, she continued her passion as an educator at Loachapoka High School, where she retired in December of 1996 after 31 years of service. She was a member of the Alabama State Alumni Association, the Lee County Retired Teachers Association and the Alabama Education Association. Mrs. Fleming was also affiliated with the Hattipha Chapter No. 221 OES and active in the program for seniors at Boykin Community Center.

Memories of Mae Johnnie will be cherished by her former co-workers and the many students she impacted over the years. After retirement, she volunteered as an auxiliary worker at East Alabama Medical Center. She also received much fulfillment and enjoyment from her pets, which she was very fond of and looked forward to taking care of daily.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Fleming, in January of 1986.

Precious memories will be forever cherished by: her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl (Pastor Auzzie) Comer, Opelika, AL; sister and brother-in-law, Virginia (Edsel) Daniel, Pittsboro, NC; nephew, Caswell Daniel, Raleigh, NC; devoted friend and caregiver Peggy Ezell, Loachapoka, AL; caregivers Nellie Pearl Smith, Loachapoka, AL; Mary Webb, and Annie J. Dumas, Waverly, AL; one aunt Lucy Lockhart, Loachapoka, AL; two sisters-in-law, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; special companions Shirley Buchannon and Larry Frazier, Loachapoka, AL; special friends Mary Callaway and Leola Washington, Loachapoka, AL.

Much gratitude to her devoted, caring nurse Kathy Rowe, and the special Hospice Staff of East Alabama Medical Center.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

SelectionChoir

Scripture & PrayerPastor J. C. Winters

AcknowledgementsSister Romelia Jordan

Obituary Read Silently

SoloSister Senesta Ezell

EulogyPastor Anthony Shealey

RECESSIONAL



INTERNMENT

Lochapoka Cemetery
Lochapoka, AL

PALLBEARERS

Cousins and Friends

FLOWERBEARERS

Former Students

She's Free"

(A tribute to Mommi from your loving daughter, Cheryl)

Don't grieve for Johnnie, for now she is free ... Though her parting has left a void, we shall fill it with her remembered joy, the friendships shared, her laughs, and her smiles. Her life was full. She savored much—the love of family and dear friends. Today I bid farewell to the body that once housed my Mommi, the one who loved me in spite of, one who would have done anything humanly possible just for me! Today I lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. So we now look ahead the way Mommi would want it to be, for she truly loved life, and now

She's Free!!!

Safe in the arms of the Father...

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the calls, prayers, flowers, visits, and all other expressions of love during this time.

May God bless each of you.

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