

Acknowledgments

When our load seemed hard to bear,
we looked around and our friends were there
with food, flowers, and kind words spoken
with smiling faces and hearts that were open.
They comforted us and shared our grief.
May God bless them granting all relief.
Our gratitude cannot be adequately expressed,
but it is the best we can offer may you be richly blessed.

-The Family-

Honorary Pallbearers

Jarvis Brooks
Dajuan Brooks
Nat Chearis

Darius Durham
George Hester
DeWayne Dickerson

Active Pallbearers

New Mt. Zion Male Choir

Flowerbearers

Ushers

Interment

Alexander Cemetery
4190 Old Brownsville Road
Somerville, TN

Arrangements

112 E. North St.

J.A. Lofties Funeral
465-3989

Somerville, Tn

Homegoing Celebration for Jessie Lee Brooks



*Saturday, February 8, 1997
1:00 P.M.*

*New Mt. Zion Baptist Church
13510 North Main
Somerville, Tennessee*

*Rev. Luther Luton, Pastor
Rev. W. H. Bass, Officiating*

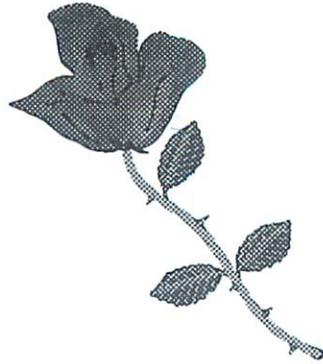
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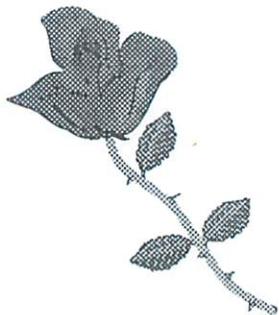
Order of Service



Viewing of Loved One 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Processional
Selection Choir
Scripture Rev. Luther Luton
Prayer Rev. Tony Pierce
Selection New Mt. Zion
Remarks Sis. Ida Brown, Usher Board
Solo Sis. Alfreda Pierce
Remarks Officer (Alexander Baptist Church)
Duet Sis. Sadie Watkins/Bonnie Holmes
Obituary Silently Read
Acknowledgments Sis. Louise Holloway
Words of Comfort Rev. Williams
Eulogy Rev. W.H. Bass
Recessional

No one will ever know or understand
Our true feelings for you, Ma.
We had expressed our deep feelings,
And she knew that...
"Life becomes more rewarding with each passing day.
And God grants His rewards in a
Special way. Your departure from
Us is His reward to you.
He will be with you as you travel
To a peaceful land. For He has
promised to never let go of your hand."
The expression on your face and the
Warmth of your gentle touch meant
More than others could ever see.
You left us, Ma, but yet you
Are with us, too.
Your words of wisdom, love, and
Fruitfulness will carry us through.
Ma, take your rest.
We may never understand why,
But God knows best!

*We Love You,
Your Children*



*When you come to the end of a perfect day,
And you sit alone with your thoughts,
While the chimes ring out with a carol gay,
For the joy the day has brought.
Do you think what the end of a perfect day
Can mean to a tired heart?
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray
And dear friends have to part.*

*Well, this is the end of a perfect day,
Near the end of a journey too.
But it leaves a thought that is big and strong,
With colors that never fade.
And we find at the end of a perfect day,
The soul of a friend we've made.*

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Jessie Lee Brooks was born to the late Will and Hattie Brooks in Somerville, Tennessee on July 10, 1921. She was one of six children. Ms. Brooks departed this life on February 4, 1997 at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis, Tn at 5:30 a.m.

She was a kind, gentle, loving woman who loved people and most of all who loved God. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She accepted Christ at an early age at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Somerville, TN later she joined the Alexander Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Bass. Mrs. Brooks was a dedicated member and served on the usher board until her health no longer permitted her to continue.

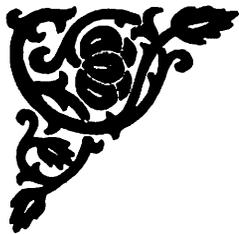
She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Eddie Armour and to this union six children were born. One son, Eddie Armour, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted and loving children, three daughters: Cora (Robert) Dickerson of Detroit, MI, Georgia (Eddie) McGowan and Hattie (Vernon) Durham all of Somerville, TN; two sons: Willie (Raymel) Armour and Murray (Edna) Brooks both of Somerville, TN; one sister: Georgia Mae Tatum of Brownsville, TN; a special niece: Olean Heard of Gray, IN; one brother-in-law: Jack Tatum of Somerville, TN; 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

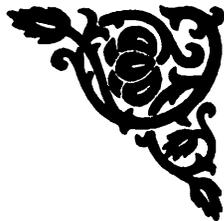


*I have a fought a good fight,
I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:
and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

II Timothy 4: 7-8



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*Now abide faith, hope, and love, these three,
But the greatest of these is love.*

Ma was a grandmother of great faith and hope...

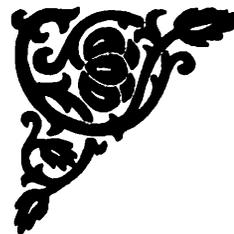
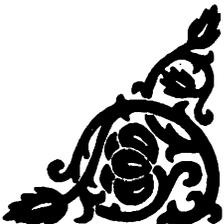
A faith and hope in God that stood every test.

*But most of all, Ma had a true, genuine
love for God, her family and friends. There was
never a person that she met, that she could
not talk to. We will forever keep this legacy
of faith, hope, and love deep in our hearts, and
a living testimony of her life.*

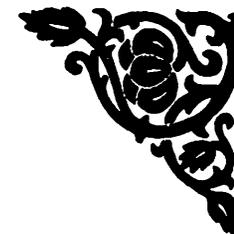
*Love forever,
Your Grandchildren*

*We know you are now in heaven with Jesus, but we'll miss
you. You were so good to us. You let us know you loved us
by your words and actions. All the memories we have of you
are good, because you were a good, loving woman. We'll
always hold you in our hearts. We love you.*

*Love,
Your Great Grandchildren*



I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me for now I'm Free
I'm following the path that 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, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes,
These things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
My time was not all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wants me now, He set me free.*

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