

ACTIVE PALLBEARER

Grandsons

HORARY PALLBEARERS

Sons

FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters

USHERS

New Hope Baptist Church Usher Board
Others Usher Boards of Visiting Churches

Expression of Gratitude

Words can not begin to express our appreciation for the kindness, support,
and generosity shown to us during our time of bereavement.

Many thanks to all who embraced; along with the prayers, flowers, cards, and food
at the passing of our dear loved one. We give special thanks to the entire staff of
Cardiovascular Institute at Southwest Medical Center for their professional and
personal care during her stay. A very, very special thanks to Dr. Taylor Pickett for
his dedicated service.



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A Homegoing Celebration

Of



Mother Mary T. Handy

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth, give I unto you, Let not your
heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Alpha

November 6, 1932

Omega

April 19, 2006

Sunday, April 23, 2006
1:00p.m.

New Hope Baptist Church

3254 Kahnville Road
Gloster, MS 39638

Rev. Emanuel Powell, Pastor/Officiator

A Mother's Love

To My Dearest Children

There's Something I'd like to Say

*But first of all to let you know that I arrived ok
I'm writing this from Heaven where I dwell with God above*

*Where there are no more tears or
sadness because I'm flying like a dove.*

Please do not be unhappy

Just because I'm with you every morning, noon, and night.

*On April 19, 2006, I had to leave you,
when my life on Earth was through....*

God picked me up and hugged me...

and said I welcome you.

Even though your life on earth had ended.

Come on up to meet new friends

You will be missed while you are gone

As for your dearest children

They are coming later on.

I need you here so badly as part of my big plan

There's so much that we have to do to help our mortal man.

Then God gave a list of things he wished for me to do

and foremost on that list of mine is to watch and care for you.

And I will be beside you every day, every week, and every year.

And when you're sad, I'm standing there to wipe away the tears.

When you lie in bed at night after the day's chores put to flight

Remember God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night.

When you think of my life on earth and all those loving years

you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.

But do not be afraid to cry

It does relieve the pain

Remember there would be no flowers

unless there was so rain.

I wish that I could tell you of all that God has planned

But even if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.

But one thing is for certain,

Though my life on earth is over I'm closer to you now than

I ever was before.

A Mother's Love

*To my sister, brother, grand and great-grandchildren, other
relatives, and many friends.*

Trust God because he knows what is best.

I'm still not far away from you I'm just beyond the crest.

There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb

But together we can do it taking one day at a time.

It was always my philosophy

*And I'd like it for you to - that as you give unto the world the
world will give back to you.*

If you can help somebody who is in sorrow or in pain,

Then you can say at night my day was not in vain.

*And now I'm contented at my life, it was worthwhile knowing
as I passed along the way I made someone smile.*

So if you meet someone who is down and feeling low,

Just lend a hand and true love will show.

*When you are walking down the street and you have me on
your mine.*

*Remember I'm walking in you footsteps only half a step
behind.*

*And when you feel that gentle breeze or the wind upon your
face,*

That's me giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace.

And when it's time for you to go from that body to be free,

Remember, you are not gone you are coming here to me.

And I will always love you from that Heavenly Home above,

Please Keep you hearts fill with tender care and love,

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Master/Mistress of Ceremony Bro. Robert and Sis. Evelyn Handy
 Prelude Piano / Organ
 Selection Bro. Otis Weatherspoon

Scripture Readings :

Old Testament Rev. David Veals
 The 23rd Psalm

New Testament Rev. Willie R. Jones
 John 14: 1-6

Prayer Rev. Lonnie Weatherspoon

Selection Bros. Larry and Charles Veals

Expression: "As We Knew Her"

As Mother
 As A Grandmother
 As A Usher Bro. Charlie Dunn
 As A Friend Sis. Johnnie B. Packnett
 As A Mission
 and Willing Worker Sis. Rachael Pinkney
 As A Neighbor Rev. Odus Jackson

Selection Sis. Essie Mae Veals

Acknowledgments

of Condolences Sis Helen Boykins

Obituary Sis. Helen Boykins

Selection Sis. Ruthie Jackson

Words of Comfort Rev. Jehue White

Selection Bro. Clarence Jackson

Eulogy Rev. Emanuel Powell

Final Viewing

Recessional

OBITUARY

Mary's Life Story

" And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

*And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."
 Rev. 21: 3-4,27

The world received a special blessing on November 6, 1932 in Amite County. On April 19, 2006, God sent a special angel to call her home, at Southwest Regional Cardiovascular Institute. Mary was the daughter of the late Robert and Icy Mary Tate. She was the tenth of twelve children born to this union. She attend Bates School in Gillsburg, MS.

Mother Mary married the late George T. Handy on may 12, 1957 and to this union fourteen children were born, loved, and shared their lives with this couple.

After marriage, mother Mary moved her membership to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful and active member until her homegoing. She was a member of the usher board, the mother board, the Women's Missionary, and the Willing Workers.

She was an active member of the Beachhill Benevolent Lodge. Mother Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, five brothers; Lewis, Leo, Leroy, Ben, and Lynus Tate; and four sisters; Robbie Bates, Eula Scott, Emma Turner, and Lola Bates.

Mother Mary leaves to cherish her memories; eight sons; Willie James(Rose) of New Orleans, LA; William 'W.L. (Joyce) of Gloster, MS; George (Gwen) of Jackson, MS; Malcon (Brenda) of Gloster, MS; Elihu 'Eddie' (Carolyn) of Woodbridge, VA; Kinnedy of San Antonio, TX; Aaron (Katrina) of Jackson, MS; and Robert Lee (Shaune') of Smithdale, MS; seven daughters; Evelyn Louise of Gloster, MS; Leslie Rose of Gloster, MS Emma Jean of Livingston (Richard) of Memphis, TN; Ella Mae of Gloster, MS; Eula Marie of Jackson, MS; Elizabeth 'Pat' of Gloster, MS; and Ceolia of Gloster, MS. One brother, Frank Tate Sr.(Ruby) of Summit, MS; One sister Ceola T. William of Tunica, MS; A special friend E.M. Walker of Centreville, MS; Thirty-seven grandchildren of which (3) perceded her in death; (5) great-grandchildren.

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-in- law; Marshall Bates of Gillsburg, MS and Larnell, Sr. Gillsburg, MS; Eight additon sisters-in- law; Lucille Tate. Lear Mae Tate. Willie Mae Tate. Bobbie Jean Tate. Hazel Handy, McCoy Godson, Gabriel Williams of Sam Antonio, TX; and A special Jean of Gillburg, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, other dear friends.

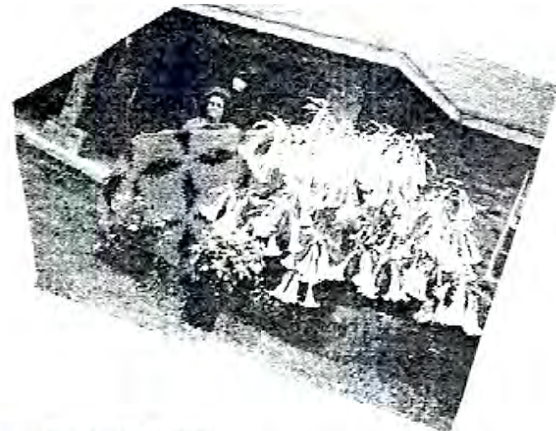
her Mary loved her church, her family, her quilts, and her She was dutiful in the community and a steward to the sick.

Her Motto:

I not have to give an account for what other people do to you will only have to give and account for what you do to other people.



May the Work I've Done Speak for Me.



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