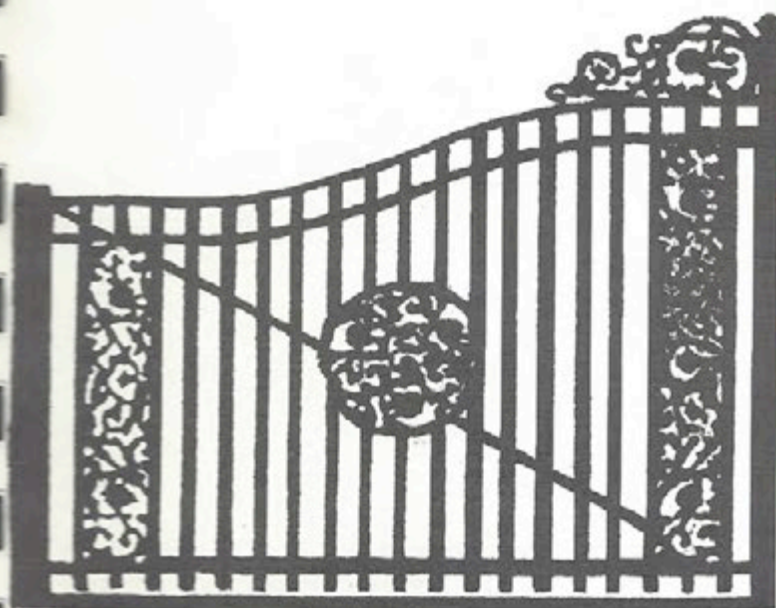


*"When The Gates
Swing Open I'll
Walk On In"*



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14, 1934



*Jessie "Beatrice"
Sims Conerly*

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Sunrise:
March 14, 1934



Sunset:
March 4, 2007

*Homegoing Celebration
for
Jessie "Beatrice"
Sims Conerly*



*Wednesday, March 7, 2007
3:00 P.M.*

*Society Hill Baptist Church
McComb, MS*



*Rev. Robert C. McCall, Pastor
Officiating*

Please don't say I gave up.
Just say that I gave in
Don't say I lost the battle,
For it was God's war to lose or win

Please don't say how good I was.
But that I did my best
Just say I tried to do what's right.
To give the most I could, not do less

Please don't give me wings or halos.
That's for God to do
I want no more than I deserve.
No extras, just my due

Please don't give me flowers.
Or talk in harsh tones
Don't be concerned about me now.
I'm well with God, I've made it home

Don't talk about what could have been.
It's over and it's done
Just see to all my family needs.
The battle has been won

When you draw a picture of me,
Don't draw me as a saint
I've done some good, I've done some wrong.
So use all your paint

Not just the bright and light tones.
Use some gray and dark
In fact, don't put me on canvas.
Paint me in your heart

Don't just remember all the bad,
For life is full of many things
Some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something
Then I have one last request
Forgive me for the wrong I've done and with the love that's left

Thank God for my soul's resting
Thank God for all who loved me
Praise God who loved me best.



Reflections of Precious Memories



Obituary

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

Sister Jessie B. Sims Conerly departed this life about 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at Vista Surgical Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA. She was born March 14, 1934 to Luther and Mammie Ellzey Sims in Magnolia, MS.

At an early age she joined New Zion Baptist Church in Magnolia, MS. She later united with Society Hill Baptist Church in McComb, MS. She graduated from Pike County Agricultural School and Breland School of Cosmetology in Columbia, MS. She was very active in the Civil Rights Movement in the 60's and was the first African American female to be employed by Kellwood Company in Fernwood, MS. She was a licensed beautician, foster mother and operated a daycare from her home. She was a member of Eastern Star, WMU, Women Federated Club, Elks, Former member of Pacesetters Club, 4 H Club Leader and Vice-campaign manager for her son's campaign for alderman in Magnolia (1991) and State Senator for District 38 (2003). She loved her children and grandchildren and found joy cooking for her family. She was united in holy matrimony to Obiedee Conerly on December 9, 1966.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Sharon Snoddy-Kitchen, five sisters, Jenell Taylor, Mammie Berry, Carolyn Andrews, TeeElla Walker, and Lugenia McMurty; two brothers, George and Hollis Sims; one grandson, Reginald Sandifer; one daughter-in-law, Doris Butler.

She leaved to cherish her memories, her husband, Obiedee Conerly of Magnolia, MS; two son, Senator Kelvin Butler, Sr. of Magnolia, MS; Bernadette Manyfield of Los Angeles, CA; one daughter and son-in-law Tamra Faye and Ronnie Williams of McComb, MS; seven grandchildren, Kelvin, Jr., Kendric and Destiny Butler of Magnolia, MS; Ethan and Carleon Williams of McComb, MS; Joy La'Rae Bates and Dea Rene' Tobias of Magnolia, MS; three great-grandchildren, Kya Tion and LaTavion Butler of McComb, MS, De'Ontre Sandifer of Opelousas, LA; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory of You!!! Mama

Tribute from your sons

Mom,

"God tried to prepare us, for this day, when He would take our loved one away. He brought us close, and kept us together. He gave us the storm we're about to weather, no matter what the pain we feel, the love of God is "Oh" so real. He'll hold us tight within his grace; He's there for us, in whatever we face. He called you home, "Mom", to be free from pain and sin. Until, we see your smiling face again we'll pray and do his will. We'll miss your ever loving touch, Mom, we love you and will miss you so very much."

Your loving sons,
Kelvin and Bernadette

Tribute from your daughter

When I awoken this morning, I felt a little strange
There were a few things that I wish that I could change
Although I knew that today is blessed for us!
O just to smile and hear you whisper "I love you and am proud
Of thee
Just your physical present I lone to see
How splendid and wonderful our days to behold
To see you witness my journey to heights yet unknown
Although our eyes can't see you
Nor can our hands touch your frail body
But your spirit we cherish too,
Smiling down watching over us.
Although death has separated us physically, but
Faith and love have bound us eternally.

In loving memory of you, Mama
"I love you, and
God knows I will miss you"

Your loving daughter
Tamra Faye

Expression of Gratitude

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to our many friends for the many acts of kindness, sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for all the help given us, your prayers, support, comforting words and the love you have shown to our families.

Special thanks to Dr. Martin and Vista Surgical Hospital medical staff for their professional services, all the participants on program, Rev. Robert C. McCall and Society Hill Church Family, Rev. Edgar Lewis and New Zion Church family, Craft Funeral Home for their professional and efficient service and everyone who touched our lives because we are never prepared to face life's darkest hours alone. May God grant each of you a shower of blessings.

The family



Honorary Pallbearers

Senator Kelvin Butler, Sr.
Ronnie Williams
Melvin Joe Johnson
Mayor Percy Robinson
Melvin Harris

George Sims
Mayor Jim Storer
Obie James
Hirschel Pearson

Active Pallbearers

Kelvin Butler, Jr.
Kendric Butler
JaDarius Griffin

Tommie Sims
Eugene Martin
James Dillon

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Magnolia City Cemetery

Repast

Society Hill Baptist Church

Arrangement and Services Entrusted To:

Craft Funeral Home.
Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
McComb, MS 39648
601-684-5971



Order of Services

Processional Ministers and Family
Mistress of Ceremony Ms. Della Pierce
Scripture Bro. Dwight Martin
Prayer Rev. Edgar Lewis
Song Choir

Moment of Reflection

Acknowledgements of Condolences Ms. Della Pierce
Obituary read silently Soft Music
Solo Butch and Patricia Watkins
Words of Encouragement Rev. William Brown
Eulogy Rev. Robert C. McCall
Expressions of Gratitude Ms. Della Pierce

Craft Funeral Home in Charge

Recessional

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have 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 Timmothy 2:6-8



Tribute from your grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Nana, the blow was hard, the shock severe.

We never dreamed your death so near.

But only those, who love can tell

The pain of parting without farewell.

God gives us strength to face this blow,

What it meant losing you, no one will know.

To hear your voice, to see your smile,

To sit and talk with you awhile;

To be together in the same old way,

Would be our dearest wish today.

But loving memories never die

As years roll on and days go by;

In our hearts a memory is kept,

Of the one we love and will never

forget... You, Mom we will love and cherish
your memories forever.

We love you, Nana,

Joy, Dea, Kelvin, Jr., Kendric, Destiny, Ethan and
Carleon - grandchildren

Kya, De'Ontre, LaTavion - great-grandchildren



*"To every thing there is a season, and a time
to every purpose under the heaven" a time to
be born and a time to die" a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up that which is planted.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city."

— *Revelation 22:14*



“And ye now therefore have sorrows, but I will see you again and again and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you.”

John 16:22