

Acknowledgement

The family of Sis. Lou Bertha Pirtle wishes to express sincere gratitude and our deepest appreciation for all the sympathy, concern, love and kind deeds during our time of bereavement.

- The Family -



Active Pallbearers

Arsento Pirtle
Carl Pirtle
Joe Thomas Pirtle

Robert Wilkes
Earnest Wilkes
Marketta Wilkes

Flowerbearers

Ushers

Interment

Johnson Chapel C.M.E. Church Cemetery
Vildo, Tennessee

Arrangements By:

Dixie Funeral Home
750 Bill's Street
Bolivar, Tennessee
(901) 658-3941

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1994

In Loving Memory of Lou Bertha Pirtle



Saturday, October 1, 1994
1:00 p.m.

*Johnson Chapel C.M.E. Church
Vildo, Tennessee*

Rev. W.L. Cheers Officiating

Obituary

Sixty-two years of a useful life ended on September 26, 1994, when Sis. Lue Bertha was called from this earthly scene, at the Bolivar Community Hospital. It is God's will that the laborer shall sleep. Let tired laborers be encouraged; there is time for rest. Let the mourners be comforted. Your loved one who served the Savior is just sleeping. She shall awake to newness of life.

Lou Bertha Wilkes Pirtle was born in Hardeman County to the late Calvin and Lula Boyd Wilkes, who preceded her in death. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bolivar, Tennessee. She was a very dependable person. She felt she needed someone to go by her side and enjoy whatever she might accumulate in life, so she married Lee Arthur Pirtle and joined Johnson Chapel CME Church, where she remained until her death. There were no children born to this union, but God saw lots of love and care and he sent them eleven children to raise. Two of these children preceded her in death: Maynell and Stephen.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband: Lee Arthur Pirtle; nine Godchildren: Sidneca Pirtle; Arseno (Ruby) Pirtle; Joe Thomas (Jessie) Pirtle all of Whiteville, Tn.; Walter Green (Lois); Arthur Lee Pirtle; Cherly Bond all of Memphis, Tn.; Lurlene and Carl Pirtle of Somerville, Tn.; Willie Brown of St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters: Pearlle Bell (L.V.) of Whiteville, Tn.; Dorothy Miller (Will) of Brownsville, Tn.; Essie (Marlow) Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.; a niece raised as a sister: Mae Sue Wilkes; three brothers: Earnest (Rosie) Wilkes of Somerville, Tn.; Travis (Luella) Wilkes of Brownsville, Tn.; Robert Wilkes of Bolivar, Tn.; two uncles: Mann Boyd and Thermond Bass of Whiteville, Tn.; two aunts: Susie Bufford of Bolivar, Tn.; Annie Bell Green of St. Louis, Mo.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that she loved and cherished.

Sis. Lue Berthas' (BlackGail) influence will be with us forever. Her memory will last for eternity. She has been separated from an aching frame and sleeps so restfully. So at peace - no more sickness, no more pain. She has entered upon a new life in a heavenly land.

Going Home

Don't grieve. I'm just going home to rest from a weary year. My father has come to claim his own, so I have no earthly fear, just be with him and wait beyond the beautiful golden gate. I will wait for you.

Order of Service

Processional	Soft Music
Selection	Johnson Chapel Choir
Prayer	Rev. Jerry Crisp
Scripture	Rev. Nathan Gibbs
Solo	Ocie Holmes
Words of Comfort	Rev. J.W. Shaw
Resolution	Johnson Chapel
Remarks	Earnest Tisdale Jimmie Robertson
Acknowledgments	Girlene Johnson
Obituary	Read Silently
Eulogy	Rev. W.L. Cheers

Godmother

*Mother in thy gracious keeping,
Leave me now thy servant sleeping.
Good night Godmother, good night,
Sleep now and take your rest.
Just lay your head upon your saviour's breast,
We love you well, but Jesus loves you best.
Good night Godmother, goodnight.
Tonight you slumber as calm as a baby sleeps,
And tomorrow you'll wake no more to toil and weep.
For now, you are in a perfect rest, so secure and deep.
Good night Godmother, goodnight!
We're saying goodnight and not goodbye.
And although today, we sit and cry,
We know that soon we will be awakened,
By heaven's morning light, so until then,
Goodnight Godmother, goodnight.*

- The God Children -