

In Loving Memory

of

Sis. Mary Lee Wilson Mabone

1925 - 1992



Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Mary Lee Mabone acknowledges with appreciation, your comforting expressions of sympathy through cards, telegrams, flowers, calls, and all acts of kindness shown during this, our hour of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

The Family

Active Pallbearers

James Ford, Jr.
Algie D. Mabone, Jr.
Ralph G. Mabone, Jr.

Levond Mabone, Jr.
Walter D. Mabone, Jr.
Rexecy Yates

Flowerbearers

Ushers & Friends

Funeral Directors In Charge

Charles Broughton
Charles Harrison
Rev. Dr. James Ford, Sr.

Interment

McCulley Cemetery

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Sis. Mary Lee Wilson Mabone
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Saturday, December 12, 1992
1:00 p.m.

Macon M.B. Church
Macon, Tennessee

Pastor, T. L. Pierce, Officiating
Mrs. Nadline Shelton, M.C.

Obituary

Mary L. Wilson, born June 28, 1925 to the late Ethel Rayner and Joe Louis Wilson, in Fayette County, Oakland, Tenn., departed this life on Thursday, December 3, 1992 at Morena Valley Community Hospital in Morena Valley, California.

She grew up in the Bell Grove Community where she attended the Bell Grove Sunday School and Baptist Training Union under Superintendent J.E. Eubanks and wife, Ethel Eubanks. Later moving back to Oakland, Tn., she professed a hope in Christ at an early age, under the leadership of Rev. Giles Wright, and joined the Cleaves Memorial C.M.E. Church where she sang in the church choir and attended Sunday School.

She later married Mr. Algie Mabone. To this union, 14 children were born, five preceded her in death, four died shortly after birth and the fifth child was named Chester Louis Mabone.

She is survived by her husband: Algie Mabone; four sons: Rev. Lavond (Wardean) Mabone and Lari D. Mabone, both of Somerville, Tn., Ralph G. Mabone of Memphis, Tn. and James Ford, Jr. of Nashville, Tn.; four daughters: Mary E. (Samuel) Booth of Pascagoula, Ms., Dorothy (Claude) Fields of Moreno Valley, Ca., Debra (Sterling) Grandberry of Oak Park, Il., and Pamala (Jerry) Woodland of Somerville, Tn.; one sister: Carlean Durham of Cleveland, Oh.; one brother: Fred Wilson, Sr. of Memphis, Tn.; one aunt: Minnie Wilson of Memphis, Tn.; 18 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



From an Autobiography by Mary L. Wilson Mabone

...Later she moved her membership to Macon Mission Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. P. H. Baker, where she served as Secretary and Choir President through the years. She was also an assistant Sunday School Teacher under Sis. Joyce Newborn.

She was instrumental in organizing the Building Fund under Rev. P. H. Baker, Rev. Ralph Lofton, Rev. Edger Mays, and Rev. S.O. Guy, ("Somebody said it couldn't be done"). She also helped acquire pews, carpeting, P.A. systems, robes and other musical instruments for the choir. She was appointed pianist under the leadership of Rev. S. O. Guy and later devoted her time to singing. She also sponsored Ole Ship of Zion Pageant which was held one day annually. She was the original founder of Mabone's Funeral Home.

Her favorite songs were, "One Day At A Time", "One More Sunny Day", "There's Not A Friend", "Blessed Jesus, Hold My Hand", "We Are Our Heavenly Father's Children", "He Knows How Much We Can Bear", "If I Can Help Somebody".

She expressed her gratitude to our heavenly father for allowing her to adopt two sons: Charles Broughton of Memphis, Tn. and Rev. T. L. Pierce of Somerville, Tn.



"MY BEST"

*I am moving along thru life with a song,
I have done some good, I have done some wrong;
Bearing the crosses, enduring the pain,
With my eyes on the gold I am hoping to gain;
I am ever moved, by the holy behest,
As I go through life, to do MY BEST.*

*I may not be able to reach the height.
My aim is set, and I'll keep up the fight;
If I never attain the shiny mark
That dims in the distant, like a glimmering spark.
I'll keep my eyes on the gold in the crest,
And if I lose the fight, I'll do MY BEST.*

*And then, when I come to the end of life's highway,
And my sun goes down at the close of the day;
All weary and worn, I shall cling to my shield.
Tho' no herald acclaim me a hero in the field;
In the cool of the evening, I shall come to my rest,
in the sweet conclusion - I'VE DONE MY BEST.*

Rev. Dr. William Herbert Brewster

Programme

Friday Night, December 11, 1992

Processional

Song "I'll Fly Away"

Invocation

Scripture



Song

Remarks William "Bill" Kelley
Fayette County Sheriff Dept.

Remarks (3 minutes) Ministers

Solo Norman McFerren

Remarks (3 minutes) Neighbors & Friends

Solo

O.E.S. Morning Beauty Chapter #140

Closing Remarks Pastor T. L. Pierce



Tribute

Truly we thank God for his wondrous power.
 He didn't make a mistake when
 He brought home our beautiful flower.
 The Lord gives and certainly the Lord takes away.
 This is not our home - we're not here to stay.
 Mary Lee had to return to Mother Earth
 This was her fate from the very moment of her birth.
 She is in a place where she's free from all danger.
 How friendly, Mary Lee was - no one was a stranger.
 Her smile was as radiant and dependable as the sunshine.
 Devoted to her church Mary Lee was the serving, working kind.
 "Be fruitful and multiply" - Mary Lee bore seven
 She's waiting now for her family to join her in heaven.
 We won't grieve; just cry; one day Jesus cried,
 Soon no more tears - for he's coming for the church, his bride.
 Someone asked us - is life really fair?
 Yes! Jesus is life - He loves, He saves, He cares.
 Mary Lee, you are our beautiful flower with God's adorning -
 The Lord says, "sleep now, he'll wake you in that great
 getting up morning."

P. Rose



Programme

Saturday, December 12, 1992

Processional

Song "Pass Me Not"

Invocation

Scripture

Song "I'll Fly Away"

Remarks Paul Dawson
Pres. First State Bank

Remarks Sis. Elsie Coleman
J. P. Mosby, Neighbors, & Friends
Rev. Walter Hurt
Cleaves Memorial C.M.E. Church

Solo Nelzie Watkins

Resolutions Macon M.B. Church

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Obituary Soft Music Silently Read

Acknowledgements

Solo "One Day At A Time" Della Hooker

Eulogy Rev. T. L. Pierce, Pastor

Duet Rev. & Mrs. J. W. Shaw

Viewing of Remains

Recessional