

Acknowledgments

The Family of Mr. J. C. Pirtle wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the comforting thoughts, prayers, cards, telephone calls, personal visits, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness and concern shown during our hours of sorrow. We are very appreciative to the doctors, nurses, aides, and staff for their loving care rendered at the Crestview Health Care Center in Brownsville.

"May God Bless Each Of You" The Family

Honorary Pallbearers

Bobby L. Pirtle George E. Pirtle
John N. Pirtle Dorsey E. Pirtle
Willie F. Pirtle Welton W. Pirtle

Active Pallbearers

Maurice Douglas Ernest Tisdale
Melvin Rhodes Nathan Pirtle
Jimmy Bufford Tom Pirtle
Eric Shepard Jason Shepard

Flowerbearers

The Ushers of Mt. Olive

Interment

Dancyville CME Church Cemetery
Stanton, Tennessee

Arrangements By

Rawls Funeral Home

"Complete Funeral Service"
36 South Jackson Ave.
Brownsville, TN 38012

Ph: 901-772-1472 Fax: 901-772-9285

Printing: Courtesy of M. A. Rawls

The Homegoing Celebration Of

J. C. Pirtle



June 6, 1914

August 20, 1997

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death neither sorrow, nor crying:
for the former things are passed away. Rev. 21:4*

Saturday, August 23, 1997

1:30 pm

**Mt. Olive Christian Methodist Episcopal
Church**

**7240 Old Brownsville Road
Somerville, Tennessee**

Rev. E. L. Perry, Officiating

The Reflections

There's an open gate at the end of the road
 through which each must go alone.
 And there, in light we cannot see,
 Our Father claims his own.
 Beyond the gate your loved one finds
 happiness and rest.
 And there is comfort in the thought that
 A loving God knows best.

Mr. J. C. Pirtle was born in Somerville, Fayette County, Tennessee on June 6, 1914 to the late **Mr. Columbus** and **Mrs. Mattie Smith Pirtle**. He professed a belief in Christ at an early age, and united with the **Mt. Olive Christian Methodist Episcopal Church** in Somerville, TN, where he served faithfully as an active member of the Steward Board, Sunday School Department, devotional song leader and many other capacities until his health began to fail.

He departed this life on **Wednesday, August 20, 1997** at the Methodist-Haywood Park Hospital in Brownsville, TN.

He was united in marriage to the late **Katie Mae Tatum Pirtle**. Eight children were born to this union.

He leaves to cherish his memory, six sons, **Bobby Pirtle** of Muncie, IN; **George (Eddie Mae) Pirtle** of Jackson, TN; **John Pirtle**; **Dorsey (Joyce) Pirtle**; **Willie Pirtle** and **Welton Pirtle**, all of Memphis, TN; and two daughters, **Mattie P. Shepard** of Memphis, TN; and **Shirley (Donald) Lee** of Brownsville, TN; one brother, **James H. Pirtle** of Brownsville, TN; two sisters-in-law; 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was later united in marriage to the late **Georgia Lee Jones Pirtle** and he became the stepfather of 13 stepchildren. He leaves 2 special stepdaughters, **Sally (Melvin) Rhodes** of Somerville and **Edna Gray** of Whiteville. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A precious one of us has gone
 A voice we loved is still
 A place is now in our hearts
 That never can be filled.
 And after a lonely heartache
 And many silent tears
 But there will always be
 Beautiful memories of
 One we loved so dear.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Song

Prayer

Old Testament

New Testament

Song

Acknowledgments

Resolutions

Solo

Words of Comfort

Obituary

Eulogy

Recessional

Family Viewing

Choir

Rev. D. E. Blalock

Rev. Gus Hunt

Rev. Percy Lee, Jr.

Choir

Mr. Eddie Cross

Rev. Samuel L. Jones
 Rev. Walter Hurt, Jr.

read silently

Soft Music

Rev. E. L. Perry

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Rev. 7:16-17

**Dinner will be served at the Dancyville CME Church following interment.

