

July 6, 1929

July 23, 1995

Home Going Celebration
of
Mrs. Lee Thelma Brent



Saturday, July 29, 1995

11:00 A.M.

Smith Grove M. B. Church
Brighton, Tennessee

Pastor E. E. Smith, Officiating

Honorary Pallbearers
SONS

John Brent
Jerry Brent
Christopher Brent

Ronnie Brent
Calvin Brent
Rondus Brent

Pallbearers
Grandsons and Nephews

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*Honorary Flower Bearers*  
Mother's Board

*Flower Bearers*  
Ushers

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Interment
Townsend Cemetery
Covington, Tennessee

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Final Arrangements Entrusted To:  
*Barlow Funeral Home, Inc.*  
205 North Main Street  
Covington, Tennessee  
901 476-9675

"Our Family Serving Your Family"  
Marjorie W. Barlow Smith, CEO  
Quincy S. Barlow, LFD  
Drakley C. Barlow, Sr., PMS



*II Timothy 4:7-8*

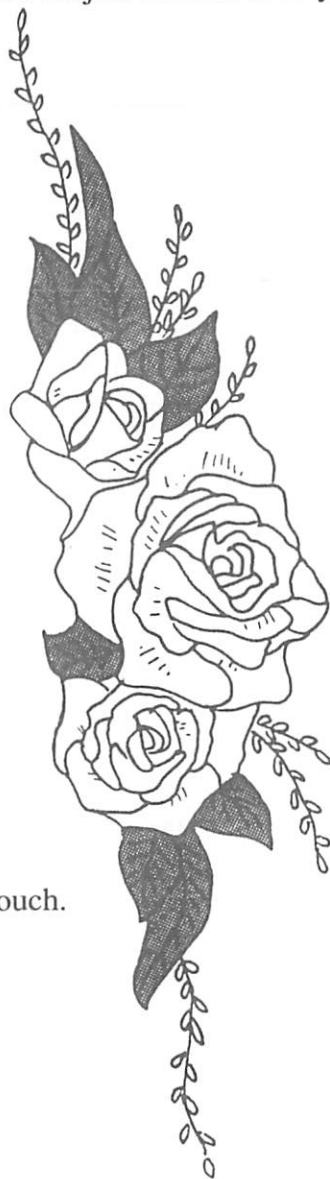
*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.*

## *"We Believe She Would Say"*

Family and Friends, I received my summons so suddenly and so unexpectedly I was without time to bid you a final farewell. I hereby extend my new address where Jesus has built for me a mansion. When you have passed to view my body, remember it's just a house of clay, and I have moved away.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I am following the path God laid for me  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or pray.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void.  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time or sorrow.  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now, He set me free,  
To live in the hearts I leave behind.



## *Acknowledgments*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card  
or sat quietly in a chair  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray  
if so, we saw it there  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
that any friend could say  
Perhaps you were not there at all  
just thought of us that day  
Whatever you did to console  
our hearts  
We thank you so much,  
whatever the part.

We thank each of you  
May God bless you

The Brent Family

*Mommy,*

*You left us before we could say good-bye. It's so hard to say good-bye.*

*There were good times, bad times, happy times and sad times, but with God's help we made it through those times.*

*Mommy, we thank you for everything that you did for us.*

*Mommy, the tears that we shed are tears of joy.*

*Mommy, we love you and will miss you dearly. You will be in our thoughts and prayers daily.*

*Your Baby Girls,  
Melissa and Breanna*

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You left so suddenly, we didn't have a chance to say good-bye.

It was like you disappeared right before our eyes.

We have so many wonderful memories of you.

The things you used to say,

The things you used to do.

You will always have a special place in our hearts.

*We Love You,
Evelyn, Jr., DeMario and Ebony*

"Voice of Our Mother"

My children I have walked this path with joy and sorrow
Never questioning my purpose for tomorrow
Cause God has put me here to do His deeds
To answer your questions in time of need.

I have raised you all to be kind and strong
I have cherished you all for so very long
But you know my children, someday I'll have to go
But I'm not worried because my destination I know.

You all have children of your own now
So cherish them like I cherished my own
Because God has put you here to do His deeds
To answer your children's questions and fulfill their needs.

I love you all, this you know
And when I pass, I'll walk through Heaven's door.

Good-bye children I have gone away
Don't mourn for me, but be strong and pray
I'm at home now in serenity and peace
With my other loved ones beside me.



Reflections of the late

Mrs. Lee Thelma Bowles Brent

On July 6, 1929, the late Mr. Hurmon and Mrs. Lela Daniels Bowles were blessed with a daughter, whom they named Lee Thelma. She was the second of six daughters.

She began her religious journey at an early age uniting with Shiloh M. B. Church, Brighton, Tennessee and later joined the Smith Grove M. B. Church. There she worked and served as President of the Mother's Board for twenty years.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. A. G. Brent. To this union ten children were born, two preceded her in death, James A. and Rickey L.

Thelma will be greatly missed. She has been called away to a land that is free from sickness, sorrow, pain and death. Sixty-six years of a very useful life ended July 23, 1995, when Lee Thelma was called from this earthly scene. It was God's will that the laborer shall sleep. Let tired laborers be encouraged; there is time for rest. Let the mourner be comforted. Your loved one who served the Savior is just sleeping. Thelma shall awake to newness of life.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: five sons: John (Maggie) Brent, Ronnie Brent and Jerry Brent all of Detroit, MI, Calvin Brent and Christopher Brent of Covington, TN; three daughters: Mae L. (Jessie) Wingo of Milwaukee, WI, Linda Brent and Melissa Brent of Covington, TN; five sisters: Blanche Shankle, Lela Gray, Dorothy Jenkins, Rena Bowles of Milwaukee, WI, Johnnie Taylor of Mitchville, MD; one daughter-in-law, Martha Brent of Detroit, MI. Surviving brothers-in-law: Thomas Brent of Covington, TN, Charlie Taylor of Mitchville, MD, Raymond Jenkins of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters-in-law: Ernestine Brent of Covington, TN and Frances Brent of Memphis, TN; two aunts: Betty Ellis of St. Louis, MO and Nellie Copper of Memphis, TN; twenty grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Revelations 21:4

"and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Order of Service

Processional

Song Choir

Scripture

Prayer

Song Choir

Reading Mrs. Shirley Greer

Solo Sis. Brenda Fayne

Remarks Sis. Sadie Dyson
Sis. Sara Maclin
Bro. Robert Dowell

Solo Mr. Johnnie Bommer

Obituary Silently

Resolution Sis. Dorothy Davidson

Acknowledgments Sis. Jelunda Wingo

Solo Sis. Bernice Shaw

Eulogy Rev. E. E. Smith, Pastor

Morticians In Charge