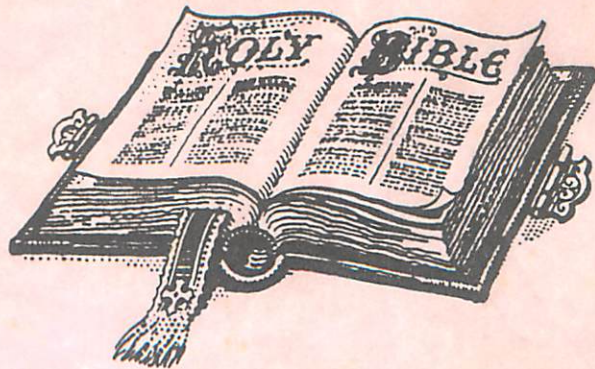


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*I'm not dead, I'm just asleep,
I just needed a little rest;
I wanted to stay a little while longer,
but God knows what's best.
I've met a Saviour that gives out love,
love instead of hate.
I want you to seek and find this Saviour
before it is too late.
When your burdens are hard to bear
And you think you can't find your way.
Just invite the Lord to help you,
he'll teach you the way.
I know because he's always been
a deep and sacred part of me.
So don't worry, I'm happy!
Always remember God
is standing by whenever you get weak.
Remember my spirit is always near,
for I am not dead, I'm just asleep.*



*Gladys is not dead, she is just asleep
with the snap of a finger and a wave of the hand
There is a gate at the end of the road
That each must go alone,
And there is a light we can't see;
Our father claims His own.
Gladys, we don't promise not to cry
But we refuse to say good-bye;
And we know Heaven is your new home.
Love, The family*

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their gratitude to each of you for your many kind acts of love and sympathy.

Active Pallbearers

Leslie B. Webber, Jr.
Robert Smith

Cameron Towles

J. W. Montague

John Montague
Roscow Hunter

Honorary Pallbearers

Rodney Lewis
Clinton Coleman

Milton Lewis, Jr.

Dewayne Cheairs

Chico Cheairs
James Coleman

*Interment ~ McCulley Cemetery
Oakland, Tennessee*

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1:00 P.M.

Springhill C.M.E. Church

Warren, Tennessee

*Reverend Joe L. Stout, Pastor
Officiating*

Funeral Service Of

A Friend

*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly;
and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 18:24

The family of Mrs. Gladys Allen whole heartedly appreciate the loyalty and kindness shown by a very dear friend. I know she loved all of us. Mrs. Jessie Cheairs Traylor (Cout) and Cout we thank you.



- Resolution.....Sister Shirley Atkins
- SoloSister Trudy Scott
- Tribute.....The Person Family
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Margaret Dortch
- ObituaryRead Silently
- Selection "He Will Understand"
- Sermon.....Reverend A. L. Dillard
- Selection....."The Old Account Settled Long Ago"

Viewing of Remains

Benediction

Recessional

Order Of Service

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Prelude

Processional

Selection "He's Sweet I Know"

Scripture & Prayer Reverend Joe L. Stout

Selection "Precious Lord"

Words of Comfort Reverend W. L. Bates

Solo Sister Carstella Young

Expressions: Three Minutes

Church Brother Raynell Cheairs

Neighbor Sister Frances S. Jones

Friend Sister Dorothy Webber

Cousin Sister Norene Hunter

Dist. Missionary President Sister Alvis Bond



Thou shalt not avenge,
nor bear any grudge against the children of the people,
but thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself:

I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:18

Mrs. Gladys Allen

Obituary

*Your smile we'll always remember, your humor and love, too!
Your good deeds and thought so tender, these and more showed the good in you.
You were always there when we called, "Sure I will," you would always say.
It didn't matter what we needed at- all, for you'd always find a way.
Yes, you were always there, but now you're gone.
Rejoice! for we'll meet again somewhere and we pray it'll be on God's Throne.*

Mrs. Gladys Allen was born June 14, 1921 to Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Coleman of Somerville, Tennessee. She was one of eight children born to that union. She united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. Ben Allen.

She confessed hope in Christ at twelve years of age and joined Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church in Somerville, Tennessee. At age seventeen she moved her membership to Springhill C.M.E. Church, under the leadership of Reverend R. V. Johnson (deceased). She served faithfully under the leadership of many ministers.

Gladys' outstanding accomplishment were choir president, church secretary, chairman of the Trustee Board, the church Treasurer, Missionary president, and vice president of the Missionary Society in the Oakland District. She was employed at Arlington Developmental Center for twenty years and retired June 16, 1990, a member of the Board of Director of the Fayette County Community of Aging Inc. In June, 1966 she was the first black female to be elected to the Board of Magistrates in Fayette County Tennessee.

She departed this June 21, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. at her residence.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Milton Lewis, Sr.; two grandsons, Milton Jr. and Rodney; a stepson, Clyde Allen of St. Louis, Missouri; two grandchildren, Regina Allen and Bianca; one Godchild, Lajuana Person; four sisters, Christine Williams of Chicago, Illinois, Ruby Rhea of Memphis, Tennessee, India McFerren of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Pauline Cheairs (Willie Allen Cheairs) of Gary, Indiana; one sister-in-law, Vera Coleman of Memphis, Tennessee; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends to mourn her passing.

Obituary