

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of David E. Pirtle gratefully acknowledges with heartfelt appreciation the many acts of love and kindness extended to the family. We thank each of you for your acts of understanding, caring and sharing. May God bless and keep each of you.

### *Pallbearers*

Nephews and Cousins

### *Flowerbearers*

Ushers

### *Interment*

Mt. Olive C. M. E. Church Cemetery  
Somerville, Tennessee

### *Arrangements*

Rawls Funeral Home  
36 South Jackson Avenue  
Brownsville, Tennessee 38012-3199  
(901) 772-1472  
Fax (901) 772-9285



## *In Loving Memory*

*of*

*Mr. David E. "Tank" Pirtle*



*Saturday, December 23, 2000*

*12:00 Noon*

*Mt. Olive C. M. E. Church*

*7240 Old Brownsville Road  
Somerville, Tennessee*

*Reverend E. L. Perry, Pastor*

*~Officiating~*

*Elder Walter Hurt, Jr.*

*~Presiding Elder~*

## *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
path of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art  
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before in the presence  
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*



## *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways  
Of happy times, and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like to be remembered as one that passed this way  
Spreading joy, cheer and sunshine each and every day.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,  
And reflect upon happy memories I leave when life for me is done.*

*Helen Steiner Rice*



## *Selected Scriptures*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

*Trust in God; trust also in me...*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.*

*St. John 14:1, 27 (NIV)*

*Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows.*

*Isaiah 53:4*



# *David Elton Pirtle*



*Sunrise ~ July 4, 1954*

*Sunset ~ December 18, 2000*

## Obituary

Mr. **DAVID ELTON PIRTLE** was born July 4, 1954 to the late Mary J. Hobson Crawford Pirtle and James Henry Pirtle.

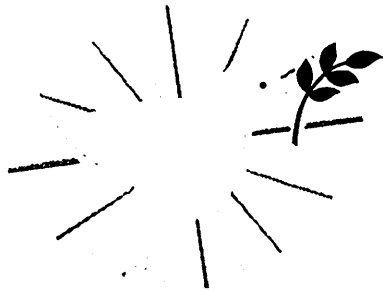
He confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the Mt. Olive C. M. E. Church of Somerville, Tennessee.

He was last employed by the Correctional Corporation of America until his health disallowed him to continue working. David was an easy going and compassionate person. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

David transitioned to his eternal home on December 18, 2000 at the Methodist LeBonheur Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

He leaves to cherish his memories three sisters, Callie Williams, Alice Cherry and Helen Nixon of Memphis, Tennessee; three brothers, Robert (Mary) Crawford of Memphis, Tennessee, Thomas (Helen) Pirtle and Ernest Pirtle of Stanton, Tennessee. Three siblings preceded in death, Mattie E. Cathey, James (Mary) Pirtle and Willie J. Crawford.

Also cherishing his memories are an uncle, David C. Hobson of Memphis, Tennessee; two aunts, Ethel Hobson of Somerville, Tennessee and Edna Poindexter of Stanton, Tennessee and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



## Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Song.....Choir

Prayer

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Song.....Choir

Remarks.....(Three Minutes Please).....Bro. R. T. Watkins  
Rev. Rick Rouse, Douglas C. M. E.  
Others

Solo.....Minister Rodrick Bills

Reflections.....(Family).....Minister Carlozel Ragland  
Rev. Arnold Peterson, St. Paul C. M. E. (Bolivar, Tennessee)  
Rev. Henry Peterson, Womack C. M. E. (Indianapolis, Indiana)

Words of Comfort.....Elder Walter Hurt, Jr.

Resolution/Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Gertrude Bailey

Obituary.....(Read Silently).....Soft Music

Song.....Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. E. L. Perry

Recessional