

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him and the other to our Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned our Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would never leave me. I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me. "The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you during your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Acknowledgement

The family of **Emma W. Donley** is grateful for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of their loved one.



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Homegoing Services
For



Emma Hurt Donley

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003

Visitation: 6:00 ~ 7:00 P.M. Service: 7:00 ~ 8:00 P.M.

GATLING'S CHAPEL

10133 S. Halsted Street ~ Chicago, IL 60628

Rev. Billy J. Jones, Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Emma W. Hurt Donley

*was born in Jackson, Tennessee on August 15, 1914,
the ninth child of the late John and Mollie Askew Hurt.*

At an early age, she accepted Christ and became active in Cerro Gordo Baptist Church, later moving her membership to Hurt's Chapel C.M.E. Church where she served both as Nurse and on the Stewardess Board.

In 1930 she married Robert H. Williamson, Sr. and to this union was born one child, Robert H. Williamson, Jr.; *both preceded her in death.*

She moved to Chicago where she wed Benjamin Donley in 1943 and remained a devoted wife for forty years until Ben's passing in 1983. While in Chicago, she worked for many years as a Surgical Nurse at Rush-Presbyterian Hospital before returning to Jackson, Tennessee to care for her beloved uncle, Curtis Hurt.

The last five years of her glorious life were spent on the North Shore of Chicago with her devoted grandson, Robert Keith Williamson, III and his friend, Kevin F. O'Connell.

***Emma was called home on April 19, 2003
at 6:00 p.m. after a short illness.***

Emma also leaves to mourn, five more cherished grandchildren: Sharon D. Shivers, Racquel W. Smith and Jeffrey L. (Deborah) Williamson all of Chicago, IL, Lynette P. Smith of Detroit, MI and Russell D. Williamson of Atlanta, GA; eight great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; a dear sister-in-law, Ophelia Hurt; a special family member and caregiver, Carrie Taylor; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Presentation.....Gatling's Chapel

Scripture*Psalm 23*

PrayerRev. Charles White

Solo

Remarks*Two Minutes, Please*

Acknowledgement of Condolences*At A Later Date*

Selection

Obituary*Read In Silence*

EulogyRev. Billy J. Jones

Parting View

Recessional



INTERMENT

***Highland Memorial Gardens
April 26, 2003 @ 11:00 A.M.***

Grave Side

**Bledsoe Funeral Home
256 Middleton St. - Jackson, TN
(731) 427-1521**