

Homegoing Service  
For  
Sister Ethel Bettis

1908



1996

*I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith"*

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Sunday, March 10, 1996  
1:00 P.M.

Cook Valley Baptist Church  
Sunny South, Alabama

The Reverend Leroy Houston, Pastor  
Elder Bettis Phelps, Officiating

## **When Mother Earth Calls for Her Own**

*Nations one and all  
Creatures, great and small  
God has decreed it so  
Back to earth the flesh must go;  
For in His own mysterious way  
He made a form from common clay.  
Then blew His breath into this mold  
And it became a living soul;  
Needless it be to sigh and moan  
When Mother Earth calls for her own.*

*Rich and poor, young and old,  
Is written on death angel's scroll;  
Some with joy, some with sorrow,  
No one sure of tomorrow.  
Faith, trust and earnest prayer  
Will place you in God's Holy care;  
Earth to earth so I am told,  
Pertains to the flesh and not the soul  
Seek God's own care, feel not alone  
When Mother Earth calls for her own.*

**George McBeth**

## Obituary

### Ethel Mae Woods Bettis

Mama Ethel was born on May 31, 1908, in Pleasant Hill, Ala. She was the seventh of eleven children born to the late Lee Barney and Hattie Woods. She was united in marriage to A.C. Bettis on June 20, 1926. To this union five children were born - Harold Lee Bettis, Sr., Nina Bettis Gragg and Ethel Bettis Parham (two preceded her in death).

Mama Ethel attended school in Pleasant Hill, Thomasville and Mobile. She confessed Christ and joined New Hope #2 at an early age; later she united with County Line Baptist Church, and Cook Valley Baptist Church. She remained a member of Cook Valley, serving as Sunday school teacher, president of Home Mission Society and Mother of the church for many years.

Mama Ethel went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 7, 1996, and leaves to cherish her memory a devoted husband, A.C. Bettis, Sunny South, Ala.; two daughters - Nina (John) Gragg, Boykin, Ala. and Ethel Bettis Parham, Sunny South, Ala.; one son, Harold (Sally) Bettis, Mobile, Ala.; six grandchildren - Harolyn Bettis, Harold Bettis, Jr., Jamestican (Angela) Parham, Harry Trent Bettis, Harriette (Alfred) Outland and Patricia Gragg-Robinson; five great-grand children; one sister, Rosa Banks; four sisters-in-law, Mary Woods, Mary Bettis, Leola Bettis and Grizell Woods. Also, many nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and three devoted nurses - Donisha Kennedy, Lucy Carson and Louvenia Rodgers.

**Order of Service**  
Mrs. Viola Clifton, Presiding

**Prelude**

**Processional**

*How Great Thou Art*

**Scripture**

*Reverend Keenan Martin*

**New Testament**

**The Pastor Speaks**

*Reverend Leroy Houston*

**Old Testament**

**Prayer**

*Reverend Reginald Southhall*

**Selection**

*Old Time Religion*

**Community Speaks**

*Steward Willie Carson*

**Eulogy** *Rev 12-7*

*Elder Bettis Phelps*

**Acknowledgments**

*Mrs. Viola Clifton*

**Recessional**

**Interment**  
**New Hope #2 Cemetery**  
**Pleasant Hill, Alabama**

**Flower Bearers**  
**Nieces and Cousins**

**Pall Bearers**  
**Nephews and Cousins**

**Ushers**

**Acknowledgments**

*With grateful and appreciative hearts, we acknowledge the many kindnesses bestowed upon us during our bereavement. Each sympathetic gesture served as a source of comfort to us during our sadness and hours of distress. The clasp of a loving hand won't be enough to say "thanks" for thinking and helping us at a time like this. May God's Blessings be upon each of you always.*

*The Family*

**Christian Memorial Funeral Home**