

~A Celebration of Life~

Mrs. Leola "Pet" Reese Singleton



Sunrise
May 28, 1911

Sunset
July 11, 2008

Friday, July 18, 2008
12:00 P.M.

Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Old Port Gibson Road ~ Hazlehurst, MS 39083
Reverend William Price, Pastor

Reverend Wyatt Lewis, Officiating

Obituary

“Life is but a working day, a time to work, a time to pray; and then comes death-this comes to all. When we take the wires of a cage apart, we do not hurt the bird, we help, we let it out of prison. So it is when death comes to one who has suffered.”

The cessation of mortal existence for Mrs. Leola Reese Singleton became a reality on July eleventh in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight.

There is a sting in death; but immortality, the hope of every Christian, triumphs over this dreaded adversary and brings into focus the promised celestial home where man can live in freedom from fear, sorrow, burdens, disappointments, and all earthy trepidations.

Leola was born May 28, 1911 in Hazlehurst Covich County, Mississippi, from the union of the late Homer S. Reese, Sr. and Eliza Gregory Reese. She was the only daughter and third child of three children. Both brothers preceded her in death.

Leola received her early education at Hall's Hill Elementary school and Hazlehurst. She later attended school in Greenwood and Alcorn College. She joined church at the age of 11 and was baptized by the Reverend Jesse Graham. She was an active member of the Sunday school and church, serving as secretary from 1942-1952 and again from 1957 until her health began to fail.

Leola “Pet” joined in Holy Matrimony with Henry “Jack” Singleton on April 17, 1933. To this union five lovely children were born. “Pet” along with “Jack” worked the farm and saw to the proper upbringing and education of their children. She also taught school for several years in Covich county, ran a cafe and later a store in Utica, MS.

Leola “Pet” leaves to mourn her passing a devoted and loving husband of 75 years, Henry “Jack” Singleton, one daughter, Delois S. Barnes of Hazlehurst; four sons: James Milton Singleton (Shirley Jean) of New Orleans, LA, Robert (Gloria) of Jackson, MS, Charles of Los Angeles, CA and Paul of Magnolia, MS; one step-son, Edward of Hazlehurst, MS; two brothers-in-law; Ossie B. Singleton of Hazlehurst, MS and James Rundles of Jackson, MS; three sisters-in-law: Mattie Singleton Rundles of Jackson, MS, Norcis Strahan Singleton and Josie N. Henley Reese of Hazlehurst, MS; one special cousin, Pauline Reese Johnson and two special daughters: Annette Tilman Hill and Nell Anderson; 16 nieces, 26 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends who will forever cherish and remember her in their minds and hearts.

Order of Service

Officiating ~ Reverend William Price, Pastor

Program Guide ~ Pamela S. Sandifer

Prelude

Processional

Song..... Church Choir

Prayer

Song..... Raphael Johnson

The Holy Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Tribute *"The Lord's Prayer"* Donald Singleton

Words of Encouragement Reverend Fred Parker
Camille Hospice Ministries

The Reverend Doctor Errol A. Redwell, Pastor
The Original Mt Pleasant M. B. Church, Chicago, IL

Solo..... Reverend Clarence Reese

Reflections (2 Minutes please)

Resolution and Acknowledgements Pamela Sandifer

Special Reading Mary Poindexter

Silent Reading of Obituary Soft Music *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Solo..... Reverend Victor Dixon

Eulogy..... Reverend Wyatt Lewis
St. John Baptist Church, Wesson, MS

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

Tribute to Mother and Grandmother

Life is filled with journeys. We are forever grateful that you were there to help and guide us on those first journeys - learning to walk , talk, relate to others, and adjust to our environment. We thank God for the love and care you provided as you helped us through those passages and gave us the freedom to continue to grow and learn. Your love and care of daddy and your children taught us lessons in loving, caring and sharing.

We thank God for giving you to us for many years. We know it was part of His Divine Plan to call you home at this time. Perhaps, His mansion was just finished on July 11th. We know that Great Choirs of Heavenly Angels were there to welcome you home. Your suffering was left behind and you have entered a place of peace and joy.

How wonderful when we, along with Job, can be brave enough in saying *“the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”* Job had learned the lesson well, that God’s grace is sufficient for his children.

Mother, we thank you for encouraging us to have faith and live for Christ. The sweet fragrance of a Mother’s Christian Life will live on as long as the world endures. As we look through our memories today, there are moments in our life with you that we will never forget. These moments will grow brighter and sweeter as time goes by.

Today your voice has suddenly grown still. The burden of loss seems too great to bear. We ask God to help us to think of you as just being away in a happier, better place. We realize you are in His presence in Heaven where He has many treasures stored.

We pause today, Mama, *“Pet”*, to pay Tribute, to the memory of you whose life was a testimony.

The Children and Grandchildren

Family Tribute

Our dearest Aunt "Pet", we loved you so much and we are going to miss you very much. We know that everything you did for us as young girls was out of love for us. We will always remember the times spent in the country with you, Uncle Jack and our cousins. Our lives are better and enjoyed more because of what you instilled in us as children

With our deepest love,
Your nieces, Darlene, Gladys, Ruby and Evon

"We Will Remember"

A light that shineth eternally,
A smile that warmed our hearts
A sense of humor that provoked laughter
We Will Remember.

A heart made of pure gold
An everlasting love of life and family that will never die
We Will Remember.

The trips we took when I was home from the military
Our reminiscing about times when I was growing up as we sat fishing.
We Will Remember.

And now we celebrate the light of dawn which is at hand
Peace and tranquility — the desired end.
Love, Joy And Happiness --
We Will Forever Remember.

A Loving and Devoted Son, Robert





Acknowledgements

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Honorary Pallbearers

Carroll Reese
Claude Otis Reese

Johnny Terry

Lee Allen Reese
Howard Scott

Active Pallbearers

Marcus Barnes
Robert Curtis
James Singleton, Jr.

Marcus Kirkland
Julius Williams
Alvin Reese

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Friends

Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery
Old Port Gibson Rd
Hazlehurst, Mississippi

Repast

Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Old Port Gibson Rd
Hazlehurst, Mississippi

Services Entrusted To:

House of People Funeral Home
Hazelhurst, Mississippi

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