

Homegoing Celebration
for
Ms. Mary Elizabeth Helton



SUNRISE
December 3, 1945
Surry County

SUNSET
August 25, 2012
Surry County

Thursday, August 30, 2012
One o'clock

Friendship Progressive Primitive Baptist Church
Ararat, Virginia

Reverend James C. Tatum, *Officiating*
Elder J. Eric Helton, *Pastor/Eulogist*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional (people standing)	
Words of Comfort	Elder James R. Strickland
Selection	Choir
Scripture	Old Testament Rev. Kevin Wilson
	New Testament Guest Minister
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Juanita Tatum
Solo	Carl Allen
Obituary (read silently)	
Acknowledgements/Church Resolution	Mother Frances Smith
Remarks	Mother Iva Roberts
Family Reflections	Charles Edward Forrest
Solo	Amanda Travis
Eulogy	Elder J. Eric Helton
Recessional (people standing)	
Committal/Benediction	Elder J. Eric Helton
Interment	Stateline Primitive Baptist Church Mount Airy, North Carolina
The Final Flight	Spencer Funeral Home Staff

Repast will follow at Stateline P.B.C. Fellowship Hall

FLOWER BEARERS

Vivian Millner	Vicky McDaniels	Wanda Smith
Sherry Forrest	Cheryl Reynolds	Pat Jacobs

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Dionne Dodd	Iva Roberts	Virginia Jarvis
Rosemary O. Green	Frances Smith	Glenda Hines

CASKET BEARERS

Russell Millner	Kurt Dobson	William Hines
Clifton Jessup	Charles Forrest	Johnny Pilson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Walter Jarvis

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THE OBITUARY

Mary Elizabeth Helton 66, was born December 3, 1945 to James Alton Helton Sr. and Jettie Forrest Helton. She was healed on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at her home surrounded by family and friends. Mary attended Winston-Salem State University and Russell Business College. She retired from Pine State after 35 years of service. She was a faithful member of Friendship Progressive Primitive Baptist Church as long as her health permitted.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory a son and daughter-in-law, Anthony (Myra) Helton of Kannapolis, NC, a grandson, Ryan Helton of Winston Salem, NC, her mother, Jettie Forrest Helton of the home, a sister in-law Lillie H. Helton of Mount Airy, NC, an aunt, Lucy Gentry of Baltimore, MD, two nephews, Elder Eric Helton of Mount Airy, NC and Chad Helton of Sacramento, CA, a great-nephew E.J. Helton of Mount Airy, NC, a great-niece, Jadyn Helton of Mount Airy, NC, a special friend Crystal Pilson of Mount Airy, NC, two special children, Chase and Scott Moore of Mount Airy, NC, a special friend, Melvin Jessup, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father James Alton Helton Sr. a sister Annette Helton, and a brother, James Alton Helton, Jr.

Love,
Mary



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time that you think of me, I'll know you miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.
And said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all my life I always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for and so much to do,
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought for just a while,
I'd say good bye and kiss you and maybe see a smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart;
For every time you think of me—
I'm right here — IN YOUR HEART.



Thank You

*The loss of the one we held so dear.
It was to us a great comfort indeed,
To see you in the time of sorrow and need.
So from our hearts which you tried to help mend,
We thank you sincerely again and again
For being such wonderful friends.
A special thanks to Mt. Valley Hospice and
Piedmont Hematology for the car for our loved one.*

The Family of
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