

Tired Hands

*F*OLDED they lie upon her tranquil breast,
My mother's tired hands, their labor done,
Knotted and scarred in battles they have won,
Worn to the quick by love's unkind behest.
Pulseless they lie, while from the crimson west,
A flood of glory from the setting sun Shines on her
face; I hear the deep "Well done," God's angel's that
calls her soul to rest.

Found is the Holy Grail of knightly quest, Here in her
home, where such brave deeds were done
As knight ne'er saw since chivalry begun. She suffered,
toiled, and died; God knows the rest,
And if Christ's crown shines not above her cross Then
all is loss, immeasurable loss.

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Active Pallbearers
Deacons of Evergreen Missionary Baptist
Church

Honorary Pallbearers
Grandsons
Nephew

Floral Attendants
EMBC Missionary Society
Eastern Star



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
*The family wishes to express their
deepest appreciation and sincere thanks
for acts of kindness shown to them
in their time of sorrow.*

Interment
Mollette Cemetery
Kingsland, Georgia

Myers Funeral Home
79 Old Grainger Circle
Woodbine, Georgia 31569
(912) 576-5531

Homegoing Celebration *for* *Vanilla Dawson Butler*



Sunrise
July 14, 1913

Sunset
May 2, 2000



Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church
1365 Kinlaw Road
Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Saturday, May 6, 2000 ~ 1:00 P.M.

Rev. Leon Washington
Pastor

Obituary

*"Beloved, let us love one another:
for love is of God; and every one that loveth is
born of God, and knoweth God."*

I John 4:7

Sister Vanilla Dawson Butler knew God. She was a "people person" who loved deeply. She loved her family and her fellow man with sincere devotion. On Tuesday, May 2, 2000, she went home to remain in the perfect love of God for all eternity. God knew that Sister Vanilla's work was complete, her influence would live on and her legacy was secure.

On July 13, 1913, Vanilla was born the sixth child of Lemon J. Dawson and Rosa E. Frazier Dawson in Camden County, Georgia. She was educated in Camden County Schools and confessed Christ at an early age at Zion Sister's Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, Georgia. She subsequently joined the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Kinlaw, Georgia.

Vanilla was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Spencer Bailey. They were blessed with two daughters, Florence Bailey Johnson and Rosa E. Bailey Way, both of Camden County, Georgia. She later married late Willie Butler of Tift County.

A history of devoted service to her church was established early for Sister Vanilla Butler. She was active on the Program Committee and worked with Zion Union and the Zion Association until her health failed. She was also on the church kitchen commit-

tee and her culinary delights earned her the fine reputation of unsurpassed cooking skills throughout the community. She sang in the church choir and was an active member of the Mission Society. Her recent appointment as a "Mother in the Church" is just one example of the enormous respect held for her by her Pastor and fellow church members.

The entire community benefited from Sister Vanilla Butler's service. She was a member of Eastern Star and the Senior Citizen's Group in Woodbine, Georgia. However, even her affiliation with these organizations did not outweigh her tireless efforts in aiding and caring for the sick and less fortunate.

Vanilla will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her memories will be cherished by her daughters, Florence Johnson and Rosa E. Way; two sons-in-law, Furman Johnson and Walter Way; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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*God saw you getting weary so He did what
He thought was best He came and stood
beside you and Whispered "Come to Rest"
You wished no one a last farewell nor even
said good-bye. You were gone before we
knew it and only God knows why. When
God called you to come and rest you did not
go alone for part of us went with you the
day God took you home.*

Order of Service

Presiding Bishop Arthur Dawson
Georgia Avenue Church of God

Prelude Sis. Willie Mae Glover

Processional

Selection EMBC Mass Choir

Prayer Minister Richard Jeter

Scripture

Old Testament Minister Henry Horne

New Testament Rev. George Davis

Solo Dea. Isaac Dawson

Reflections

Church Family Dea. James Bradely

Mission Department Missionary
Christine Glover

Zion Union Sis. Jessie Mae Mitchell

Zion Association Rev. E.L. Hart,
Moderator

Resolution &

Acknowledgements Sis. Rosa G. Waye

Selection EMBC Mass Choir

Words of Comfort Rev. Leon Washington

Recessional