A Celebration of the Life and Homegoing of
Mrs. Patricia Anne Arnold

1940 2002

Wednesday, January 23, 2002
4:00 P.M.
The Historic Springfield Baptist Church
Augusta, Georgia

“For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,
lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

Reverend Dr. E. T. Martin, Pastor, Officiating
Obituary

Patricia Anne Beard Arnold was born on September 28, 1940 and departed this earthly life on Sunday, January 20, 2002 at her home. She was the daughter of Mrs. Sophia Green, the late Claude Green and the late Willie Beard.

"Pat" as her friends affectionately called her was an Augusta native and was a member of The Historic Springfield Baptist Church. She attended Richmond County Public Schools and graduated from Lucy C. Laney High School Class of 1958. She was a 1963 graduate of Paine College and she did her graduate study at Hampton University.

Her teaching career included 33 years of first and third grades at Ursula Collins, W.S. Hornsby, A. Dorothy Hines, and Lake Forest Elementary Schools. The joy of her life was working for the Lord and her church. She served as Vice President of the Gospel Chorus, the Missionary Society, the Trustee Board, and was Director of Vacation Bible School for many years.

Her affiliations included, the National Association of Educators, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, the Richmond County Association of Retired Educators, the Senior Citizens Council and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Pat also worked in the 40 year old family business, Green's Florist, Inc. The family, friends and church community will miss this gifted, talented and creative lady.

She became known as the "Angel Lady" because of her collection of Angels which were given to her by family, friends and former students.

She leaves to rejoice her homegoing a devoted family, two children, Jacquelyn J. Arnold and Jesse J. Arnold; her mother, Sophia Green; two sisters, Pastor Betty Anderson and Lillie Green; a brother, Clifford (Velma) Tate; two nieces, Candace Anderson, and Cynthia Arnold; two nephews, Joseph (Chonia) Anderson and Claude Green-Milton; an uncle, Purnell Jackson; an aunt, Irene O'Bryant; cousin, Kelvin Jackson; brother-in-law, Joe Anderson; special friends, Victor Chandler, Sr., Viola Elam, Shirley Harris, Adrine Downs, Michelle Rouse, Deacon Roosevelt Robinson and J.P. Mattison; a host of aunts and cousins in Columbus, Ohio; and a host of other relatives and friends.
I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

I don’t know about tomorrow,
I just live from day to day.

I don’t borrow from its sunshine,
For its skies may turn to gray.

I don’t worry o’er the future,
For I know what Jesus said,

And today I’ll walk beside Him,
For He knows what is ahead.

Many things about tomorrow,
I don’t seem to understand.

But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.
Order of Service

Processional
Reverend Tommie Johnson
“I’ll Fly Away”

Selection
Springfield Baptist Church Choir
“This Is The Day”

Scriptures
Old Testament ~ Rev. Hardy S. Bennings

Prayer
Reverend Derwin Jackson

Selection
Springfield Baptist Church Choir
“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

Eulogy
Reverend Dr. E. T. Martin, Pastor

Recessional
Reverend Tommie Johnson
“Angels Keep Watching Over Me”

Interment
Hillcrest Memorial Park

Repast
St. John Memorial Building of
The Historic Springfield Baptist Church
It is with deepest appreciation that we acknowledge your kindness, thoughtfulness and service extended to us during our time of bereavement. It was your strength in which we were able to cling and your prayers which helped us to endure. May God bless each of you. You will always be in our prayers.

The Family

We appreciate your trust in us, and sincerely hope that our service has been deserving of your confidence. If we have helped to lighten your burden, our aim has been accomplished.

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