THE TRIUMPHANT HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR
Mrs. Ophelia Marie McKie McCain

Saturday, October 16, 2004
3:00 P.M.
OLD MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
North Augusta, South Carolina

March 6, 1920 ~ October 12, 2004
OPHELIA (BABE) MARIE McKIE McCAIN was the second of six children born to the late George and Annie W. Myers McKie on March 6, 1920. She was born in Aiken County, South Carolina and raised in Edgefield County. Ophelia was called home to receive her crown on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at University Hospital, Augusta, Georgia.

Ophelia was raised under Christian principals. She was converted and baptized at an early age joining the Old Macedonia Baptist Church where she was a faithful and devoted member. Ophelia served the community at large through her love, friendship and untiring compassionate efforts as long as her health permitted.

She attended Morris School, Bettis Academy High School, Bettis Academy Junior College, Trenton, South Carolina, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, and South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina where she earned a Masters of Education. Ophelia touched thousands of lives during her professional career of 50 years. She retired from Edgefield County Public School after 42 years of dedicated teaching and then retired from the Minnie Palmore House after eight years of teaching.
Ophelia made contributions to many organizations such as the National Association of Educators and Edgefield County Teachers Association, Edgefield County Branch of the NAACP and Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. She also served as secretary of Old Macedonia Baptist Church for more than 50 years and served on the Voter Registration Election Commission of Edgefield County, South Carolina.

Ophelia was affectionately known as BABE to her family and friends. She was married to Jethro Roosevelt McCain, Sr. on July 4, 1938, and their marriage was blessed with two loving children. Jethro preceded her in death on April 10, 2004.

Ophelia leaves to cherish fond memories: a devoted son, Jethro R. (Sheryl) McCain, Jr., and a devoted daughter, Alberta R. (Donald) Dunn, both of North Augusta, SC. She was preceded in death by her stepdaughter, Estella McCain Comer. She also has an adopted son, Raymond “Larry” Carter, North Augusta, SC and stepson-in-law, Donald Comer, Augusta, Georgia. Of five siblings she is survived by two brothers, Levi (Carrie) McKie, Aiken, SC and Freddie (Jeanette) McKie, Trenton, SC; three sisters-in-law, Lula McKie, Graniteville, SC, Allean Merriwether and Julia Garrett, both of Jamaica, NY; two brothers-in-law, George A. McCain and Wyatt Kenner (Belle) McCain, both of Jamaica, NY. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John C. and George McKie and one sister, Charlotte Simpkins. Babe’s life was further enriched with six grandchildren: Jacqueline (Clarence) Daggett, Cynthia (DeAngelo) Coleman, Nina (Russell) Bates, DeValle McCain, Whitney and Ashley Dunn; ten great-grandchildren: Damien, Nicholas, Sean, Julian, Torrey, Ryan, Teika, Chelsea, Jasmine and Jamari. Because of the special love Babe had for children, she enjoyed the love of six godchildren: Rosalyn McKie, Sharon Cain Larke, Willie F. Simpkins, Jr., Josephine Coursey, Michael Carter and Joseph Elam. She also shared an affectionate love with a compassionate care-giver, Mary Key-Turner; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Obituary
The Order of Service
Reverend Dr. Macie King ~ Presiding

Processional .......................... "Oh, I Want To See Him"

Musical Selection .......................... Old Macedonia Choir

Scriptural Readings
Old Testament .......................... Rev. Larry Brown

Prayer .......................... Rev. William Brightharp

Musical Selection .......................... Old Macedonia Choir

Reflections (Please limit your remarks to 3 Minutes at the request of the family)
Ms. Mary P. Williams
Ms. Mozelle Stewart
Ms. Thomasina Myers
Solo ................................................................................................................................. Mr. Travis F. McKie

Acknowledgements .................................................................................................... Ms. Patricia B. Peeples

Words of Encouragement ...................................................................................... Rev. George L. Brightharp

Musical Selection ..................................................................................................... Old Macedonia Choir

The Eulogy ................................................................................................................... Rev. Limuer Myers

PASTOR, OLD MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Recessional ..................................................................................................................... Old Macedonia Combined Choir

“When We All Get To Heaven”

~ Committal & Interment ~

Old Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery
Farewell Momma,

Our days and nights are lonely now.
Why you had to go we don’t know.
It was in God’s plan a long time ago.
We will miss you more than you know.
Your demands and advice will never grow old,
for you were a wise woman, so we know.

You are at peace now, fast asleep,
and we are here trying not to weep.
Farewell momma, you are not alone,
the Mighty “Maker” has led you safely home.

God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered “Peace Be Thine.”
The weary hours, the days of pain and the sleepless nights are passed.
The ever patient worn out frame has found sweet rest at last.

~ FAREWELL MOMMA, BUNS & BERTA
Ophelia M. McKie-McCain
1920 ~ 2004

We look from the earthly shore and
we say with sadness
"There She Goes"

God looks from the portals of glory
and says with gladness
"Here She Comes."

Tributes
Active Pallbearers

JESSE CHERVAIS GREENE
LEWIS MCCAIN
JOHN FITZGERALD MCKIE

JOHN THOMAS MCCAIN
RICHARD MCCAIN
WILLIE FRANK SIMPKINS

Flower Bearers

GODDAUGHTERS
DEACONESSES

USHERS
NIECES

A TRIBUTE TO OUR SISTER

~ What God Has Promised ~

God has not promised skies always blue, Flower strewn pathways all our lives through. God has not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God has promised strength for the day, Rest for the laborer, light for the way, Grace for the trial, help from above; Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

~ Submitted By Your Brothers, Levi & Freddie ~

~ With Deep Gratitude ~

The McCain-McKie Families sincerely appreciates the many kind and thoughtful acts of sympathy shown during this time of loss. You have shared with us in many ways that helped to ease our burdens; and your presence with us today during the final rites for one we loved and cared for so dearly will not go unnoticed. Our hearts are gladdened because of caring friends like you. Many thanks, much love and may God richly reward you. ~ The McCain & McKie Families

Final Care and Arrangements Entrusted To
G.L. Brightharp & Sons Mortuary