FINAL RITES

of the late

Mrs. Ada Poole Tolbert

ST. MARK C.M.E. CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1985

2:00 P.M.

The Reverend Tony C. Henderson, Officiating
VIGNETTES OF OUR MOTHER

Ada Poole Tolbert
September 3, 1892 - September 30, 1985

The HEART of our home, the CENTER of our family life.
A self-sacrificer who truly made an art of living first for others.
One who loved, cared, and paid attention to what we said and felt,
yet was firm and did not “spare the rod.”
A patient and loving wife. The ideal mother-in-law whose
sons-in-law became sons. A teacher of the young and old; in her
world, there was no “Johnny” who could not read.
A brilliant scholar, dubbed as “a walking encyclopedia” in her
youth. An eloquent orator. The community obituary writer, a
missionary worker, a Sunday school teacher, a choir member, a
traveler who loved trains no matter how long the distance.
A lover of sports, especially basketball and baseball, was a
spectator in almost every major league park. A friend to all,
particularly the young and her special other children. Fun loving,
witty, never an “old fogey,” even at age 93.
Died in the bedroom in which she first slept as a bride and in
which her three daughters were born.
Precious - Rare.
The most wondrous expression of God’s everlasting love.

Evelyn, Valerie and Althea
ORDER OF SERVICE
The Reverend Tony C. Henderson, Presiding

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN ........................................... "Come Ye Disconsolate"

SCRIPTURE ...................................... Reverend John Loving
                                      Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3, 1-8, 11
                                      New Testament

PRAYER ......................................... Reverend John Loving

SOLO ........................................... Mrs. Sherrill Cobb
                                      "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

WORDS OF COMFORT ......................... Reverend Tony C. Henderson

SOLO ........................................... Mr. Jethro Woodson
                                      "Safe in the Arms of Jesus"

RECESSIONAL

Dan DeJarnett
Alfred Lewis
James Pharris
Charles Whitman

PALLBEARERS
Ross Gardner
Edward Pharris
Roger White
Norman Whitman

James Jackson

FLOWER BEARERS
Missionary Society and Friends

INTERMENT
Elmwood Cemetery
MORTICIAN
Smith and Gaston Funeral Services, Inc. (Southside)

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