

## Acknowledgement of Appreciation

There are no words that can adequately express gratitude for every act of loving kindness, concern, and thoughtfulness during this completion of the circle of life. If you said a prayer, sent a card, called with words of encouragement, made a visit, or exhibited any other act of kindness, we say a heartfelt "Thank You." May God's favor shine brightly upon each of you and may you be blessed in everything you do.

We love as she loved, unconditionally.

The Family

## Interment

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

Final Arrangements of Loved One Entrusted To:



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# Homegoing Celebration

for

## MRS. GLADYS HARDNETT STAPLES

A white dove with its wings spread, flying towards the right, positioned above the name Mrs. Gladys Hardnett Staples.

Sunrise: February 17, 1933

Sunset: December 31, 2020

### GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

1:00 PM CST

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

20360 Highway 77  
Wadley, AL 36276

Pastor Timothy Wright, Officiating  
East Roanoke Church of God

# Obituary

Gladys Hardnett Staples was born on February 17, 1933 in Daviston, Alabama to the parentage of Josh and Emma Hardnett.

On April 1, 1950 Gladys married Willie Y. Staples. Seven children were born to their union; one of which, Willie Roger Staples, passed away as a toddler. In 2001, after more than fifty years of marriage, Willie preceded Gladys in death.

Gladys acknowledged God as a child and became a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wadley, AL; as an adult she served there on the Usher Board and in Missionary Department. She later joined East Roanoke Pure Holiness Church of God in Roanoke, AL, under the leadership of the late Bishop Wade Wright Jr. She continued to serve as a faithful and dedicated member until she was stricken with sickness.

At the blessed age of 87, Ms. Gladys Staples departed this life on December 31, 2020, at the Lineville Nursing Home in Lineville, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband and one son.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: three sons, Calvin (Hazel) Staples of Roanoke, AL, Robert Staples of Wadley, AL, and Tommy (Terita) Staples of Roanoke, AL; three daughters, Mary Jean Staples of Lineville, AL, Linda G. Wilkes of Wadley, AL, and Shirley B. (Walter) McKenzie of Lincoln, AL; her siblings, Moline Hardnett Rowe of Wadley, AL, Pauline Walker of Queens, NY, Vernel Hardnett of Five Points, AL, and Mable Nkanta Hardnett of Roanoke, AL. She also leaves 18 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Her Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of her as gone away  
her journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of her as living  
in the hearts of those she touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and she was loved so much.

# In Memory My Dear Grandma

It's always sad but comforting  
to silently recall  
your smile and dear familiar face  
so loved by one and all  
For the world may keep turning  
and change from day to day  
but precious memories of you  
will never fade away  
And here's hoping that this message  
which carries so much love  
will somehow find its way to you  
in heaven up above  
It's to let you know, dear Grandma,  
that, although you are at rest,  
you'll live forever in the hearts  
of those who loved you best

Love Always,  
Tamika



## Order of Service

Processional

**Scripture Reading**

Pastor Timothy Wright  
East Roanoke Church of God

**Prayer**

Pastor Timothy Wright

**Song**

Bro. Garfield Heard

**Eulogy**

Pastor Tom Staples  
New Beginnings Outreach Ministries

**Song**

Min. Shonda Reid

**Committal**

**Benediction**



# Precious Memories

