

Thank You, God,

For pretending not to notice that one of Your angels is missing and for guiding her to me. You must have known how much I would need her, so You turned Your head for a minute and allowed her to slip away to me.

Sometimes I wonder what special name You had for her. I call her "Mother."

To think of not having her with me is unbearable. I don't know what I would have done without her all these years. She has loved me without reservation – whether I deserved to be loved or not. Willingly and happily, she has fed me, clothed me, taught me, encouraged me, inspired me, and with her own special brand of gentleness reprimanded me. A bit of heaven's own blue, her eyes reflect hope and love for You and her family. She has tried to instill that love in us.

She's not the least bit afraid of work. With her constant scrubbing, polishing, painting, and fixing, she has made every house we've lived in a beautiful home. When I'm confused, she sets me straight. She knows what matters and what doesn't. What to hold on to and what to let go.

You have given her an endless supply of love. She gives it away freely yet never seems to run low. Even before I am aware I have a need, she is making plans and working to supply it. You gave her great patience. She is the best listener I have met. With understanding and determination she always seems to turn a calamity into some kind of success.

She urges me to carry my own load in life but is always close by if I stumble under the burden. She hurts when I hurt. She cries when I cry. And she will not be happy until she has seen a smile on my face once more.

Although she has taught me to pray, she has never ceased to invoke Your richest blessings upon me.

Thank the other angels for filling in for her while she is away. I know it hasn't been easy. Her shoes would be hard to fill. She has to be one of Your greatest miracles, God, and I want to thank You for lending my mother to me.



IN MEMORY OF

Mildred Lucille Payne

March 18, 1920

February 3, 2006

OFFICIATING

Rev. Kenneth Musgrove

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Because He Lives" - Brooka Medlin

"Amazing Grace"

Ashley Cole, Brooka Medlin, Becky Payne, Rachel Payne
Becky Payne and Ann Payne, Pianists

PALIBEARERS

Judd Payne Cooper Payne Trey Payne
Jarrett Medlin Braydon Medlin Greg Redford
Chris Redford John Redford

HONORARY PALIBEARERS

Adam Batson Brady Redford Tony Batson
Clay Cole Michael Jones Brian Hollands

AT REST

Lake Cemetery

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13