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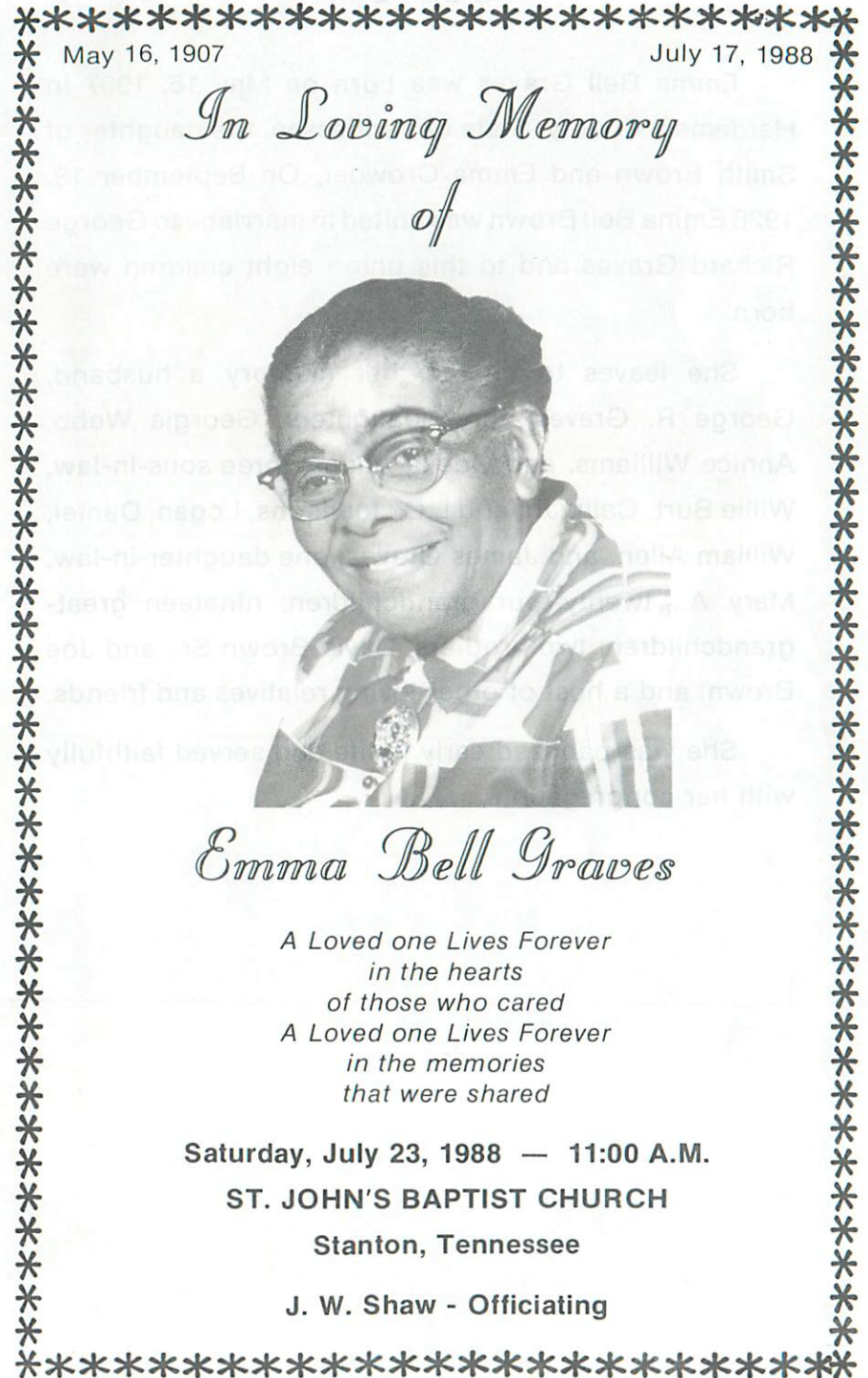
St. John Cemetery
Stanton, Tennessee

— ACKNOWLEDGEMENT —

With sincere appreciation, we wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one.



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May 16, 1907

July 17, 1988

*In Loving Memory
of*



Emma Bell Graves

*A Loved one Lives Forever
in the hearts
of those who cared
A Loved one Lives Forever
in the memories
that were shared*

Saturday, July 23, 1988 — 11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

Stanton, Tennessee

J. W. Shaw - Officiating

— THE OBITUARY —

Emma Bell Graves was born on May 16, 1907 in Hardeman County, State of Tennessee, the daughter of Smith Brown and Emma Crowder. On September 19, 1926 Emma Bell Brown was united in marriage to George Richard Graves and to this union eight children were born.

She leaves to cherish her memory a husband, George R. Graves; three daughters, Georgia Webb, Annice Williams, and Odella Atkins; three sons-in-law, Willie Burt, Calip Jr., and L.C.; four sons, Logan, Daniel, William Allen, and James Graves; one daughter-in-law, Mary A.; twenty-four grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, David Brown Sr., and Joe Brown; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

She was baptized early in life and served faithfully with her congregation.

— ORDER OF SERVICE —

- Processional
- "This Little Light of Mine" Choir
- Prayer J. W. Shaw
- Obituary
- Eulogy J. W. Shaw
- "One Day At A Time" Choir



"Moreover brothers,
 we do not want you to be ignorant
 concerning those who are sleeping (in death);
 That you may not sorrow just as the rest do
 who have no hope."

I Thessalonians 4:13

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July 22, 1988

TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF MR. GEORGE R. GRAVES AND FAMILY:

Because we cannot thank each and everyone of you personally, we are writing this letter to say thank you because you have taken the initiative to truly assist and comfort us. Many of you ask, "If there is anything I can do, just let me know," and many of you just went ahead and did what your hearts motivated you to do. Many of you made yourselves available to just listen, and many, many prayers have been said for us. We want you to know that we do sincerely appreciate this because it helped to minimize the grief.

We want you all to know we love you, one and all the same; and that we are praying for you as well as ourselves for strength and courage to endure the pain. It has helped us and will help you at this time to draw comfort from what the bible says about the condition of the dead and the hope of the resurrection at Eccl. 9:5,10 we are told, "As for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all, the living are conscious that they will die." So at death, all functions of life cease, breathing, heartbeat and brain activity stop. The life force gradually ceases to function in body cells.

Death is the opposite of life. Is there really hope for the dead? Jesus demonstrated, when on earth, what he can do for the dead in the case of Lazarus, John 11:38-44, the young man at Nain, Luke 7:11-17. These marvelous miracles provide a foretaste of the only way that the vast majority of the dead can live again; that is, by a resurrection back to life on earth under god's kingdom. What a thrilling experience that will be. We are assured of this promise by Jesus at John 5:28,29 where he said, "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear my voice and come out."

Yes, friends and relatives, the resurrection hope proves that the dead can live again. This hope doesn't eliminate the pain, but makes it easier to bear. You may ask, "Can I really believe such a promise about my dead love one?" Since God created life in the first place, should he not be capable of restoring to life someone who has already lived? Further, since "God, who cannot lie," Titus 1:2 has promised to do so, can he not be trusted to carry out his word? Yes he can.

Be assured of our christian_love,

Mr. George R. Graves and Family

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