# In Loving Memory



A Celebration of the Life of

Margaret Estelle Greeson Sellers

September 3, 1924 – January 7, 2018

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

#### "To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me"

When I am gone, release me, let me go; I have so many things to say and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy, we had so many years.

I gave you my love and you can only guess How much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part. So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear,
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and "welcome you home."

### The United Methodist Service of Death and Resurrection

in celebration of the life of

Margaret Estelle Greeson Sellers Born: September 3, 1924 Died: January 7, 2018

> 11:00 o'clock in the morning Wednesday, January 10, 2018 Fork Chapel United Methodist Church Greshamville, Georgia

Rev. Dr. Anthony N. Gavalas Rev. Guy Roberts

## The Order of Service (\*Please stand where possible.) (Congregational response printed in bold.)

#### **Music for Gathering**

Pat Stinchcomb

\*Word of Grace and Greeting

\*Prayer

\*Hymn 378: "Amazing Grace"

\*Psalm 23 (recited by all)

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Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-8; 28-31 (Pew Bible OT p. 667)

**Prayer and Comments** 

Rev. Guy Roberts

New Testament: John 14:1-4; 18-19; 25-27 (Pew Bible NT p. 108)

**Solo:** "Because He Lives"

Jerrell Beatty

**Meditation** Dr. Gavalas

#### The Naming and Sharing Our Memories of Estelle

#### **Prayers of Commendation and Committal**

God of us all, you love never ends.

When all else fails, you still are God.

We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day.

To those who doubt, give light;

to those who are weak, strength;

to all who have sinned, mercy;

to all who sorrow, your peace.

Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another.

In all our ways we trust you.

And to you,

with your Church on earth and in heaven, we offer honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

O God, all that you have given us is yours. As first you gave Estelle to us, now we give her back to you.

Receive Estelle into the arms of your mercy.
Raise her up with all your people.
Receive us also, and raise us into new life.
Help us so to love and serve you in this world that we may enter into your joy in the world to come. Amen.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant
Margaret Estelle Greeson Sellers.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into
the glorious company of the saints of light. Amen.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer

**Solo:** "What a Day" Jerrell Beatty

Dismissal with Blessing

**Postlude** 



The family thanks the many friends and relatives who have offered their love and support.

#### When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey and I travel my last weary mile, just forget if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only the smile. Forget unkind words I have spoken; remember some good I have done. Forget that I ever had heartache and remember I've had loads of fun. Forget that I've stumbled and blundered and sometimes fell by the way. Remember I have fought some hard battles and won, ere the close of the day. Then forget to grieve for my going, I would not have you sad for a day, but in summer just gather some flowers and remember the place where I lay, and come in the shade of evening when the sun paints the sky in the west. Stand for a few moments beside me and remember only my best.

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures:

he leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul:

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### Margaret Estelle Greeson Sellers

Margaret Estelle Greeson Sellers, age 93, of the Greshamville Community in Greene County, died Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital in Athens, GA. She was born in Greshamville on September 3, 1924 to the late Isaac Hugh Greeson and Flora Roxanne Attaway Greeson. She grew up and graduated from the school in Greshamville. Estelle married John Able Sellers on October 6, 1940. During her working career she worked for Morgan Sportswear and Golden Pantry in Madison, GA. She was also a homemaker, devoted mother and grandmother who enjoyed cooking, crocheting, sewing, flowers, gardening and cutting grass. She never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to everybody and had an infectious laugh. She was a member of Fork Chapel United Methodist Church and also attended New Hope Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, John Able Sellers, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Denise Sellers; a son, John Larry Sellers; great grandson, Dylan Matthew Jones; and her siblings, Alpha Brown Peppers, Hugh Dorsey Greeson, Mattie Lou Jackson, Charles Gaillard Greeson, Edward William Greeson and Geneva Nora Sellers. She is survived by her three daughters, Patricia Ann Gillespie (Robert) of Baldwin, GA, Brenda Thompson (Jimmy) of Rutledge, GA and Lynn Thomas (Byron) of Eatonton, GA; two sons, Jerry Sellers of Greshamville and Tommy Sellers (Geraldine) of Sarasota, FL; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 6 great, great grandchildren; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Fork Chapel United Methodist Church, 1401 Farmington Road, Madison, GA 30650 with Rev. Dr. Tony Gavalas and Rev. Guy Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are the Eatonton Police Department Honor Guard. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday night at McCommons Funeral Home. McCommons Funeral Home, 109 W. Broad St., Greensboro, GA, (706) 453-2626, is in charge of arrangements. Visit us at www.mccommonsfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest register.

Memorial Gifts: Memorial gifts in memory of Estelle may be made to the Fork Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund, care of 1670 Reid Duvall Road, Madison, Georgia 30605. Thank you.

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