

## MRS. MARTHA STEELE PASSES TO HER REWARD

(except  
Aunt Mary)

Sister of G'Ma Caldwell

Last Monday morning at four o'clock, Mrs. Martha Steele, for many years making her home with Mr. R. B. Mason and later with his daughter, Miss Mary, in this place, departed this life, after a long and useful and well spent life. She was very old, nearing the eighty milestone in the pilgrimage of life, and her death was due largely to heart affection, aided by old age and frailty. She was well known here, and had many friends, she was loved and respected by all who knew her, for she was gentle-mannered, sweet-faced and warmhearted, and her Christian character stood out so boldly that it was recognized by all with whom she was thrown. Gentleness marked her every action, kindness was her watchword, and charity marked her daily life.

Mrs. Steele was for half a century a widow. One son blessed her union, but this manly youth passed away about the time he reached man's estate, and she devoted her remaining days to the comfort of others. She was of a very prominent family in Tennessee, and was the last one of her immediate family. There are many near relatives, however, who will mourn her death, for "Aunt Mat" was a favorite with not only her relatives but with many friends.

Her niece, Miss Mary Mason, with whom she has been for many years, was devoted, and showered upon her every attention and every care that a daughter could have shown, and her very watchful care and devoted attention to her aged aunt has been one of her chief duties. No mother ever had more care and attention than Miss Mary bestowed upon this old aunt, who was the aunt of her mother.

The remains were taken to Fayetteville, Tenn., for burial, where she will rest by the side of her husband and son. Many friends in Athens will miss this cheerful-faced old lady, and will miss the soft, sweet voice that always had a word of sympathy and cheer in it. Her Christian character will leave a shining example to those who knew her best.

And Rob never would go  
to a funeral! He must when  
our Father died but  
but I can't recall any other he  
ever attended

Greer was sick but would go as far as  
Columbia, where Wm. Lamb Jr. met us.

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MRS. STEELE DEAD.

The death of Mrs. Martha Steele at an early hour on Monday morning has brought sorrow to many in Athens who have known and loved this gentle Christian character during a lifetime of usefulness. Mrs. Steele came to Athens many years ago to take a mother's place with the children of her dead niece, Mrs. Robert Mason, and beautifully fulfilled her mission until death claimed her in her eighty-first year. The remains were carried to Fayetteville, Tenn., for burial near her husband and son, who preceded her many years ago. To her bereaved grand-niece, Miss Mary Mason, and her nephews, Robert and Greer Mason, we extend the sympathy of the community. Miss Mary Mason and Mrs. R. V. Saunders accompanied the remains to Fayetteville.

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Mrs. Martha P. Steele died in Athens, Ala., at 2:40 o'clock Monday morning, May 22, 1911, aged about 85 (81) years. Mrs. Steele removed to that place from Fayetteville about 25 years ago at the death of her niece to assume charge of the latter's daughter, Miss Mary Mason, and to each other they were indispensable — one supplying a mother's love, the other taking the place of a widow's lost son. Mrs. Steele was for years a member of the Presbyterian church and was faithful to her vows and a regular attendant at service. Her life was glorified by an unwavering faith and we know that for her death was robbed of its sting, the grave despoiled of its victory. The remains were brought to Fayetteville for burial at Rose Hill after funeral service at the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning conducted by Revs. R. S. Brown and J. M.

Northrop. Fayetteville

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