

Honorary Floral Bearers

Women's Missionary Society Department  
Mt Sinai AME Church

Floral Bearers

Chatham County Schools Retired Personnel

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Alexander Graves  
Mr. E.T. Hanner

Mr. Henry J. Bland  
Mr. Gene Goldston

Mr. Larry Mabe  
Supt. Chatham County Schools

Pallbearers

Robert Bland  
Wayne Brim  
Wadell Emerson

Robert Scurlock  
Steve Marsh  
E.H. Dark

Professional Services Entrusted To  
Knotts Funeral Home  
50 Masonic Street  
Pittsboro, North Carolina  
(919) 542-6180

Man, Mentor, Husband, Father



I Am Happy  
I Have Lived A Good Life

And I said, O that I had wings like a dove, for  
then would I fly away and be at rest.

Psalms 55:6



In Loving Memory  
Of  
Mr. Ernest Samuel Ramsey



Saturday, May 29, 2004

11:00 a.m.

Mt. Sinai AME Church  
176 Chatham St.  
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Rev. R.P. Lynch, Pastor



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. B. Barbour

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament - Rev. C.K. Brown

The New Testament - Rev. C.S. Robinson

Selection

Resolution

Golden Memories

Obituary (read silently)

Solo

Eulogy.....Rev. R.P. Lynch

Selection

Recessional

### Interment

Pittsboro Cemetery  
Pittsboro, North Carolina

### Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness.

May God continue to bless each of you.

The Family

We Love You Pa  
We hated to see you go.  
You were there for every occasion  
You helped us grow.  
Our appreciation  
We could never show.

We would have given our life if it would have let your  
light shine a little bit longer.  
But now we know how to strive, fight through the  
pain, organize and realize that it's all in God's favor.



You are living legacy throughout your family. At ease  
soldier — let's try on your long white robe. It's time for  
one of the best in God's army to march on home. How  
doest it feel now to walk on streets of god, to sing in the  
Heavenly choir and suffer no more?

## A Gentleman's Journey

February 17, 1917– May 25, 2004

Ernest Samuel Ramsey began his life on February 17, 1917 in Chatham County, NC, as the youngest of six children of Richard Ramsey and Addie Fikes Ramsey.

He joined Mt. Sinai at an early age and remained a faithful and active member until his health failed.

He graduated from Pittsboro Colored High School in Chatham County on May 12, 1936 under Principal B.J. Lee. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham, NC on the fourth of June, 1940. He later received his Master of Arts from North Carolina College at Durham on June 5, 1956. He received a Certificate of Administration and supervision from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC.

He began his professional career as a history teacher at Chatham High School in Siler City, NC. He became the principal of Chatham High in 1959 and remained in this position until his retirement in 1982. During that 42 years he strived to cultivate the lives of all his children.

Ernest was joined in Holy Matrimony to Salome Marsh on June 6, 1948.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Salome; children, Helen B. Brooks (Vernon), Ferne R. Alston, Ernest R. Ramsey of Pittsboro, NC, Kathy J. Ramsey of Cary and Lorrie R. Bryson of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Tyrone Thompson, Bryon Ramsey, Ryan Ramsey, Tamalika Ramsey, Marshelle Bryson, Tracy Alston, Joretta Alston, Takaara Ramsey; one great-grandson, Eric Fonville, III.; a faithful first cousin, Milton Ramsey; special nieces, Helen Farrar, Leah Burke, and Geneva Smith; special nephews, Howard Smith, Harry Lee Smith, and James Elbert Ramsey. He is also survived by a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews whom he loved.

