

Memorial Service

For

Charlie Rodgers

Sunrise

Sunset

December 24, 1920 ~ August 10, 2005

Pallbearers

Grandsons and Nephews

Flower Girls

Granddaughters and Nieces

Acknowledge from Family

With heartfelt love the family would like to acknowledge
the prayers, cards and comfort given during our time of
bereavement.

Thankfully, the family



Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Viewing 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Funeral 1:00 pm

Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church

1085 Mitchell's Chapel Road

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Reverend Kenneth Brooks

Arrangements for the Rodgers family are under the care of

GRIFFIN FUNERAL SERVICE & CREMATION

Pittsboro, NC



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Clergy And The Family

Selection

" If I Can Help Somebody"

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Allen L. Moore

Scripture Lesson

King James Version

Psalm 48:12-14

Old Testament

John 14: 1-6

New Testament

Solo

"One Day At A Time"

Mr. Bobby Mitchell

Acknowledgements/Remarks

Obituary

Read Silently

Selection

"When We All Get To Heaven"

Eulogy

Rev. Kenneth Brooks

Recessional

Morticians In Charge

Interment

Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery

God saw you were getting tired

And a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around you

And whispered "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you.

And saw you pass away.

Although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay,

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us.

He only takes the best.

Lovingly Submitted

"The Family"

Dad

You could not stay another day, tasks left undone must stay that way.
A golden heart stopped beating, your hard working hands are laid to rest.
You were a wonderful Daddy, you were the "Very Best."

The Children: Thomas, Fannie, Cecelia



To Pop Pop

Sometimes it's hard to understand
why some things have to be.
But in His wisdom, God has planned
Beyond our powers to see.
So Looking back in tenderness along the
Paths we've trod,
We shall treasure the years we had with you,
And leave the rest to God.

From the Grand and Great Grandchildren

Charlie From Florence with Love

Every precious creature and every flower and tree are
God's amazing workmanship and He made you and me.

Every morning sunrise and every starlit sky are part of
God's eternal plan and so are you and I..

Every day and year that passed was one to celebrate,
because God who made all things, made us, we know
that He is Great.



OBITUARY

Charlie Rodgers the fifth son born to the late Willie and Fannie DeGraffenreidt Rodgers of Pittsboro, North Carolina departed this life on Wednesday morning, August 10, 2005.

Charlie was educated in the Chatham County School District. He left school early to work and help support his mother, who was widowed when he was a teenager. Charles loved life with brothers and cousins who traveled locally working from place to place.

Charlie was united in holy matrimony to Florence Alberta Goldston of Mt. Vernon Springs, and from this union, there are three off spring.

Charlie and Florence moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1942 where he worked several jobs until landing a permanent position with the Hot Shoppe Restaurant, a subsidiary of Marriott Corporation. He retired after 40 years of faithful service. He became bored with inactivity, starting another job at Society Hill Travel where he worked until relocating to North Carolina in 1996. He found employment again after several years with the U. S. Post Office in Pittsboro. Charlie arose to start his day when the Lord called him to a better place to work, in heaven.

Mitchell Chapel AME Zion church was where a foundation of steadfast Christianity was fostered. A life dedicated with love for God and family structure had Charlie working as an usher at Greater St. Matthew Independence Church in West Philadelphia

until he moved back to the Carolina area, rejoining the church where he first accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He served as Vice President of the Usher Board at Greater St. Matthew as well as a member of the Steward Board. Upon moving back to Pittsboro after surviving two major surgeries, he tried to serve the Usher's but his legs were weak, preventing his ability to stand for long periods of time.

Charlie leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife of sixty-four years, Florence. Three surviving brothers, Willie and wife Mabel, Jessie (a widower) and Arthur and his wife, Mary, all of Pittsboro. Gaither and Solomon predeceased him. Children, Thomas Melvin, Fannie Pauline and Cecelia, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two daughters-in-law, Dorothy Maddox of Mobile, Alabama and Margie Brown Rodgers of Philadelphia; two son-in-laws, Fred Alexander and Lincoln Townsend; ten grandchildren, Michelle Harbin (Glen), Bay Minette, Alabama, Kevin Rodgers, Anjeanette Rodgers, Kimberly Rodgers, Kia Rodgers Coleman (Darren) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Cheryl Alexander-Lawrence (Steve), Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Cecile Alexander, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Celeste Alexander-Frye (Dan), Huntington, Maryland, Stacy Townsend Peterson (John), Willingboro, New Jersey and Lincoln Townsend, Jr. (Joanette, Collingdale, Pennsylvania; nineteen great-grandchildren, and one great grand son-in law along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"He walked proudly into glory."