

*Homegoing Celebration
In Loving Memory
Of
Mrs. Ida Mae Knotts Thomas*



*Sunday, December 26, 2004
2:00 p.m.*

*Elizabeth Baptist Church
Lilesville, North Carolina*

*Rev. J. Thomas, Pastor
Dr. S. C. Webster, Eulogist*

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Hymn.....	"Because He Lives".....Elizabeth Baptist Church Choir
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament ~ Rev. Thomas	
New Testament ~ Dr. Webster	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. R.J. Ingram
Selection.....	Elizabeth Baptist Church Choir
Remarks	(please limit to two minutes)
Special Remarks.....	Rev. J. Thomas Pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church
Resolution and Acknowledgements.....	Deaconess Alberta Ratliff Church Clerk
Selection.....	Rev. R.S. Ingram
Eulogy.....	Dr. S.C. Webster
Selection.....	Min. Rose McMillan
Recessional	

My First Christmas In Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights, like heavens little stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away the tears,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare to the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing,
I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart, but I am not far away, we really aren't apart, so
be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.
I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above; I send you each a memory of my undying love, af-
ter all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do, for
I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you.
So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tears. Remember,
I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year!!!*

Obituary

On Monday, December 20, 2004 at the end of the day, with family at her side, an angel of the Lord gently tucked Ida in for her heavenly rest.

Ida Mae Knotts was born on July 28, 1924 to the late Weaver Knotts and Willie M. Spencer of Lilesville, (Pee Dee) North Carolina.

Ms. Ida always loved to read, cook and make people laugh. She was a loving and devoted mother, sister and grandmother.

She was a member of the Alpha Phi Psi Sorority. She attended St. Augustine College, Raleigh, NC and received a degree from Payne Business College in Raleigh, NC.

Her first job out of college was with the Richmond County Agents Office. Later she moved to New Jersey and worked for a while at Skillman Hospital. After leaving there, she moved to Charlotte and was employed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education as Executive Secretary for the Vocational Education Department for over 30 years. She retired from the Board of Education in the mid 1980's and settled back into her childhood home with her mother. There she lived for many years enjoying life among her family and friends. After the passing of her mother, she worked with her nephew at Nelson Funeral Home until 2003.

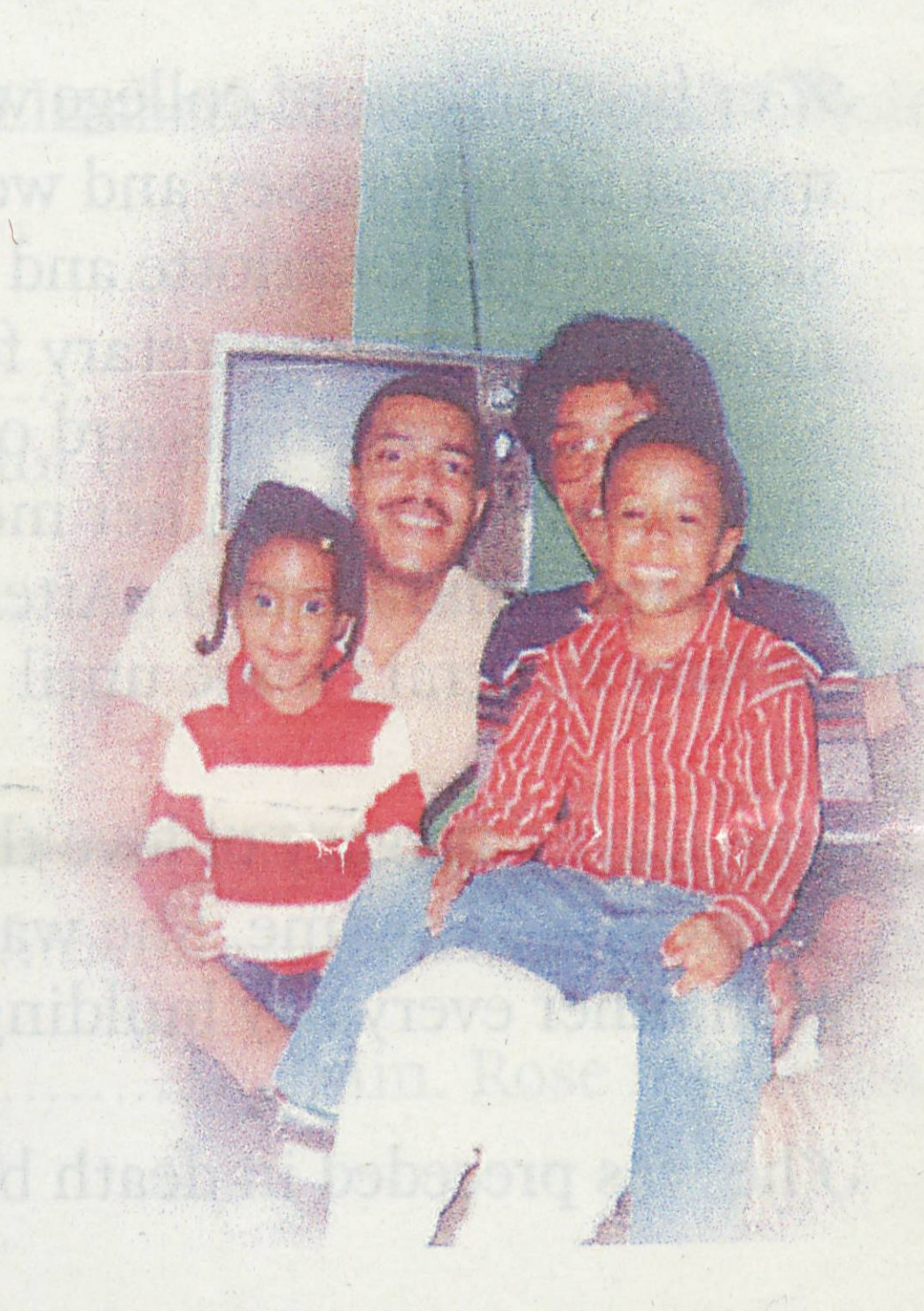
She leaves a legacy of love that will comfort and encourage the surviving family for many years to come. She was especially devoted to her brother, Harvey. They talked with each other every day building a bond of love and caring that will last forever.

She was preceded in death by one son, Willis I. Thomas.

She leaves to mourn their loss and celebrate her Homegoing: her son, Weaver Knotts Thomas (Barbara) of Lilesville, NC; four grandchildren, Brandon Thomas (Kristy) of Wadesboro, NC, Ashley N. Thomas of Wadesboro, NC, Elizabeth and Rashaunda Jones of Lilesville, NC; two brothers, William Harvey Knotts, Sr. of Sanford, NC and Leroy Wade of South Carolina. A host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Special friends, Queen Miller, Patricia Miller, Thelma Diggs, Margie Little and Hattie Hannans.



Interment
Church Cemetery



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