

**A Celebration of the Life and Homegoing  
Of**

**Mother Annie Pearl Brim Cotten**

**Sunrise: March 20, 1929**



**Sunset: March 18, 2004**

**Homegoing Service**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

**Three O'clock P.M.**

**Alston Chapel United Holy Church**

**1832 Alston Chapel Church Road**

**Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312**

**Elder Carrie H. Bolton, Pastor**

**Dr. James L. Spence, Presiding**

**Bishop Pamela D. Spence, Eulogist**



## Order of Service

<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Dr. James L. Spence Chief Apostle</b> <b>Word Harvest International</b> <b>Fellowship of Churches</b>
<b>Prelude</b>	<b>T. J. Bridgers III</b> <b>National Minister of Music</b> <b>Word Harvest IFOC</b>
<b>Processional</b>	
<b>Selection</b>	<b>Greater Praise Chorale</b> <b>Greater Life Outreach</b>
<b>Prayer of Comfort</b>	<b>Elder Carrie H. Bolton</b> <b>Alston Chapel UH Church</b>
<b>Scriptures</b>	<b>Old Testament Psalms 121</b> <b>Rev. Diane Lee</b> <b>New Testament 1Corin 15:50-58</b> <b>Rev. Debbie Hutcherson</b>
<b>Selection</b>	<b>Greater Praise Choral</b> <b>Greater Life Outreach</b>
<b>Special Tributes</b>	<b>Mother Ophelia Schoefield</b> <b>Mother's Board, Greater Life</b> <b>Elder Pauline Page,</b> <b>Bibleway Mission, Pittsboro</b>
<b>Special Musical Tributes</b>	<b>Bishop Ed M. Smith</b> <b>Rev. Micheal &amp; Sis Teheshia Harris</b> <b>Rev Paul &amp; Sis Tammy Thacker</b>
<b>Acknowledgements and Condolences</b>	<b>Sister Pamela Hall</b>
<b>Obituary (Read Silently)</b>	
<b>Solo</b>	<b>Psalmist Shaylena Wood</b>
<b>Eulogy</b>	<b>Bishop Pamela D Spence</b> <b>Pastor, Greater Life Outreach</b>
<b>Selection</b>	<b>Living He Loved Me</b> <b>Greater Life Choral</b>
<b>Recessional</b>	
<b>Committal</b>	<b>Dr James L. Spence, WHIFOC</b>
<b>Burial</b>	<b>Alston Chapel Cemetery</b>



**Annie Pearl Brim Cotten** was born March 20, 1929 to loving, proud parents of the late George William McKinley Brim and Laura Mae Wooten Brim in Rockingham County, NC. She attended school there until her family relocated to Chatham County. Annie Pearl or "Sis" as her siblings lovingly called her completed her education in Chatham County. She came to the Lord during a revival at St. Matthews A.M.E.Z. Church under Reverend Fletcher. When asked what church she wanted to join, she replied Alston Chapel. Her early Christian experience was nurtured at Alston Chapel. She worked and served faithfully there until recent years when she moved her membership to Greater Life Outreach Fellowship Church, Durham, NC. On Saturday December 20, 1947, in her parents' living room, she made a lifetime commitment to the love of her life, Robert A. Cotten, Jr. They spent 56 years loving each other and were blessed with five loving and beautiful daughters. Her grandkids and her children that she raised like her own often called her "Nanny Pearl". She was true believer in the Lord. She would help anybody anytime anyway she could.

*She leaves to cherish and carry on her memories:*  
*A loving husband: Robert A Cotten, Jr. of the home*  
*Five Daughters: Wanda (Darrell) Elaine Andrews,*  
*Charlotte, NC. Deborah Allene (David) Stewart, Pittsboro,*  
*NC. Cheryl Denise (James) Harris, Siler City, NC*  
*Belinda Michelle (Chris) Headen, Siler City, NC*  
*Barbara Ann Cotten of the home four sisters: Lucy Kate*  
*Thomas Scales, Manhattan, NY Juanita Bustion, Baltimore,*  
*Maryland Hazel (Harold) Sanders, Roosevelt, NY*  
*Doris Jean Brim, Bronx, NY Two brothers: Calvin Earl*  
*(Barbara) Brim, Raleigh, NC William Thomas, New York,*  
*NY Two Aunts: Alma (James) Broadnax, Madison, NC*  
*Dorothy Broadnax, Stoneville, NC*  
*Nine Grandchildren: Darrell Jr (Cristie), Angela (Toney),*  
*DeWayne, Marcus, Aviance, Bryon, Robert, Breanna and*  
*Jarrad. Seven Great-grandchildren: Antonio, Kery, Nic,*  
*Selena, Aqilia, Kayla, and Caleb*  
*A host of godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a very*  
*close friend who prayed with her daily Mother Lubie Eaves.*





I won't see you again, "Good Bye,"  
but now I see you couldn't stand to see me cry.  
Your ship came late in the evening, and beautiful it was to  
see.  
Jesus stretched forth his arms and you knew at peace you'd  
be.  
Your willing hands can work no more,  
for you are now complete.  
Rest now "dear sweet mother of mine"

**A-Dedication To My Wife**

**Finding "true love".....from every human being  
there rises a light that reaches straight to heaven  
And when two souls that are destined to be  
together find each other, the streams of the light flow  
together and a single brighter light goes forth  
from that untied being  
Love Always,  
Robert Jr.**





*Momma,  
I wondered why you didn't say " Good Bye,"  
but now I see you couldn't stand to see me cry.  
Your ship came late in the evening, and beautiful it was to  
see.  
Jesus stretched forth his arms and you knew at peace you'd  
be.  
Your willing hands can work no more,  
for all your work here is complete.  
Rest now " dear sweet mother of mine"  
In my heart you'll always be!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
I Love You Momma  
Your Babygirl  
Barbara Ann*







**Tributes**

*God saw "Momma" getting tired  
And the cure was not to be  
So he put his arms around her  
And whispered, "Come with me Annie Pearl"  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands laid at rest  
God broke our heart's to lose Momma  
But she didn't go alone  
For part of us went with her  
The evening God took Momma home*

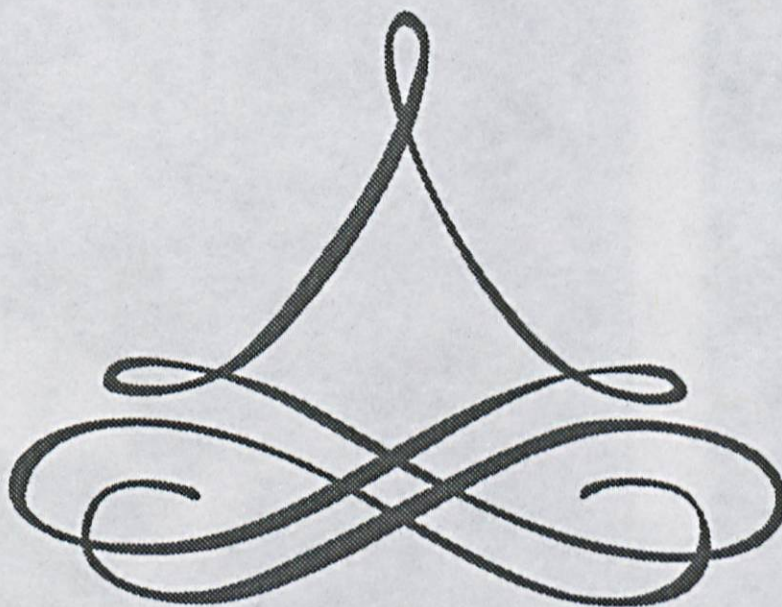
*Lovingly submitted,  
Your Girls  
Elaine, Deborah, Cheryl, Michelle, and Ann*





**Godchildren:**

**Bishop Bedie A. Mack**  
**Jackie N. Moore**  
**Denise N. Patterson**  
**Shawn Neal**  
**Tiwana Neal**  
**Rev. Micheal Harris**  
**Mrs. Taheshia H. Harris**  
**Rev. Paul Thacker**  
**Mrs. Tammy Thacker**  
**Kentouris O. Craven**  
**Ashely W. Foushee**  
**Kay B. Thompson**  
**Monika L. Bynum**  
**Nikira A. Cheek**  
**Joesph (Buck) Patterson**  
**Miguel Antonio Ashers**



**A chapter completed**  
**A page turned**  
**A life well-lived**  
**A rest well-earned**











## GRANDMOTHER

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down  
We will remember you.*

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter  
We will remember you.*

*In the opening of buds and in the warmth of summer.  
We will remember you.*

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn  
We will remember you.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends  
We will remember you.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength  
We will remember you.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share  
We will remember you.*

*As long as we live, and whenever we may go,  
You will be a part of us, because  
We will forever remember you.....*

*Love your Grandchildren*

*Woody, Angela, DeWayne, Marcus, Aviance, Byron, Rob,  
Breanna and Jarrad*

*Great-Grandchildren*

*Antonio, Kery, Nic, Selena, Kayla, Aqilia and Caleb*









**Pall Bearers:**

**Nephews**

**Minister Ike Hutcherson**

**Deacon James Hall**

**Deacon James Sapp**

**Brother Will Rhodes**

**Floral Bears:**

**Nieces**

**Greater Life Missionary Board**



***The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the comfort we have received during the loss of our dear precious loved one. Your cards, calls gifts of nourishment, and your prayers are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Elder Carrie Bolton and Alston Chapel Church. Again, thank you and may God continue to pour his blessings upon each one of you.***



*"The pain passes, but the beauty remains"*



*Professional Services Entrusted To:*

*Knotts Funeral Home*

*50 Masonic Street*

*Pittsboro, NC 27312*