

FLORAL BEARERS

First Baptist Missionary Dept.

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

The Round Dozen Club

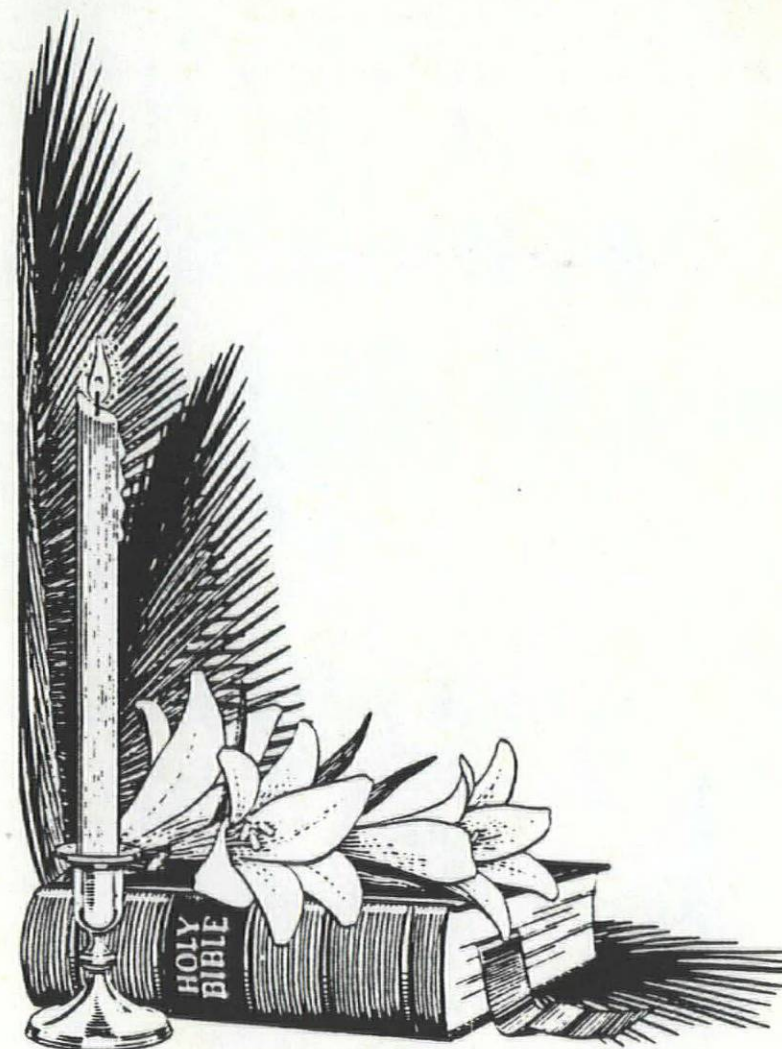
PALL BEARERS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family gratefully acknowledges each expression of sympathy during these hours of sorrow. They have made our burdens much easier to bear.

The Family



Service Entrusted To
Knotts & Son Funeral Home
1501 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Siler City, North Carolina 27344
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W. H. Knotts, Jr., Mortician

HOMEGOING SERVICE

FOR

MRS. RUBY H. STRICKLAND
(1923 - 1997)



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997

3:00 P. M.

REV. MAZIE FERGUSON, PASTOR,

OFFICIATING

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	Clergy & Family	
Hymn	"Hold to God's Unchanging Hands"	
Scripture		
Old Testament	Psalm 23	Rev. A. R. Cheek
New Testament	St. John 14:1-6	Rev. Barry Gray
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Robert Siler	
Selection	"I Am Redeemed"	
Acknowledgements	Mrs. Martha Gray	
Obituary	(Read Silently)	
Remarks	Rev. M. P. McCleave Rev. Samuel Obie	
Solo	"Precious Lord"	Evangelist Mary Jackson
Eulogy	Rev. Mazie B. Ferguson	
Selection	"By and By"	
Recessional	"I'm Yours Lord"	

INTERMENT

First Baptist Church Cemetery

A poem dedicated to the memory of our mother and Maw,

Mrs. Ruby Strickland

A Mother's Farewell to Her Children

When I must leave you
for a little while,
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow
to you through the years,
But start our bravely
with a gallant smile;
And for my sake
and in my name
Live on and do
all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
be afraid to die,
For I am waiting
For you in the sky.

Helen Steiner Rice-

OBITUARY

Ruby Helen Staley Strickland was born to the late Charley and Anna Staley on March 11, 1923 in Randolph County. She was called home to rest on March 3, 1997 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

She graduated from Chatham County Training School in 1939 where she was secretary of her class.

She was united in marriage to the late William W. Strickland in 1940. To this union two children were born, one preceded her in death.

At an early age she professed hope in Christ and joined the First Baptist Church where she was a very faithful member. She served as Church Clerk for many years and held the position until her death. She was an advisor for the Kitchen Committee, a member of the Pastor's Aide and President of the Senior Missionary Department. She was named Woman of the Year, July 18, 1993.

She was the Secretary of The Round Dozen Club. She was head of the kitchen at the JOCCA Center and a member of the Lincoln Heights Improvement Association.

She was employed at the Elm's Tea Room, Siler City Country Club, Farrington House and Best Food Cafeteria. Catering was one of the joys of her life.

Her memory is cherished in the hearts of those she loved; devoted son Donald Strickland and adopted son Lawrence Strickland; daughter-in-law Willie Mae Strickland; step-sister Kathryn Scotton all of Siler City, N.C.; step-brother Clyde T. Headen of Philadelphia, PA; foster sister Massaline Stith of Washington, D.C.; one grand-daughter Carla Strickland of Siler City, four grandsons Donald Strickland, Jr. of Siler City, William E. Paige of Maryland, Caleb Alston of Burlington, N.C. and Tashawn Cheek of Asheboro, N.C.; two great-grandchildren Jarrell and Cha'nessi; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and a devoted and trusted friend Eloise Williams. Also preceding her in death was a step-father, Mr. Joe T. Headen and a brother, Rudolph Staley.