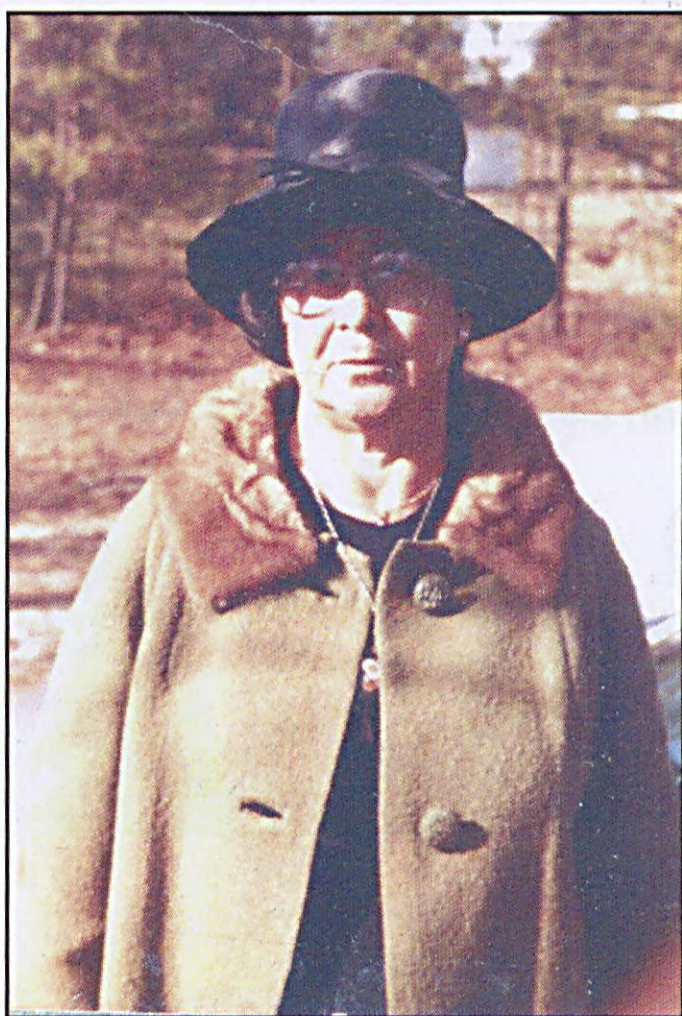


IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF

*Mrs. Epsie Ratliff*



## Service

Friday, May 2, 2008 - 3:00 pm

*Mitchell Chapel A. M. E. Zion*

1085 Mitchell Chapel Road  
Pittsboro, N.C., 27312

Rev. Kenneth M. Brooks, Pastor/ Eulogist



# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT - Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT - I Corinthian 13

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Charles Howard

Acknowledgements

Mrs. Yolanda Leach

Obituary (read silently)

Solo

Mr. Alvin Taylor

Eulogy

Rev. Kenneth Brooks

Recessional



*Interment*  
Church Cemetery



*We Are  
Together Again.*





# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

I my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times,  
a love one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now, He set me free.





## Obituary

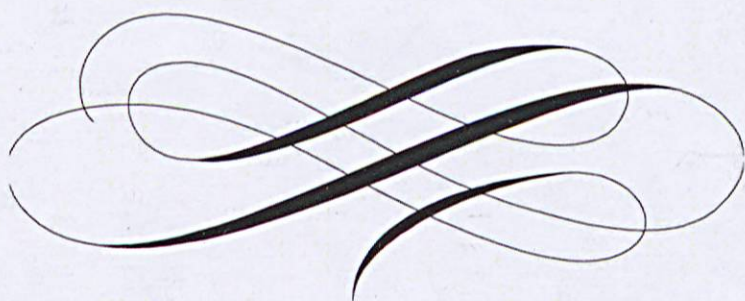
Mrs. Epsie Ratliff was born September 24, 1918, to Mary Lou Brooks Phillips and Eddie Phillips. She was one of nine children, Connie, Rena , Ethel, Adam, Edgar (Bud), Henry, Johnny, and Charlie, all preceded her in death.

She departed this life April 29, 2008 at University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

She was married to Thomas Ratliff in 1943 and was a loving wife until his death. Their foster son, Gene Scurlock, also preceded her in death.

She joined Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in her youth and attended services whenever she was able.

Her memory will be cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends





## Floral Bearers

Missionary Circle

## Pall Bearers

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

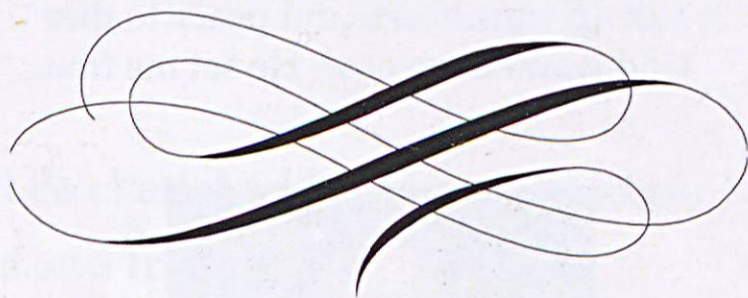


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May God Bless and Keep You!

~THE FAMILY



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