

*The Homegoing Celebration
for
Mother Annie Marie Degraffenriedt
Crutchfield*

Sunrise ~ 2 - 15 - 1911



Sunset ~ 9-12-2008

Wednesday, the Seventeenth day of September
Two Thousand Eight

Two O' clock in the afternoon

Evans Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
Siler City, North Carolina

Reverend Kenneth Swann, officiating

Order of Service

- Processional.....Family
- Visitation.....1:30pm to 2:00pm
- Invocation.....Reverend Kenneth Swann
- Hymn of Assurance.....Evans Chapel Mass Choir
"Soon-a Will Be Done" - Hymn 583
- Words of Comfort the Holy Writ;
Old Testament.....Reverend Kenneth Brooks
Pastor, Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Pittsboro, NC
- Gloria Patri.....Hymn 702
- New Testament.....Reverend Dr. James C. White
Pastor, St. Matthews A.M.E. Zion Church, Maxton. NC
- Prayer of Consolation.....Reverend Walter Cotton
Pastor, Davis Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Erwin, NC
- Musical Selection.....Choir
"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"
- Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Mother Jean Headen
- Memorial Tributes.....Family Members
- Remarks.....Rev. Dr. Joe L. Stevenson
Pastor of Macedonia New Life Church, Raleigh, NC
Former Pastor, Ridie Headen
- The Memorial Reflections.....(Read Silently)
- Solo.....Bonnie Perry Hearth
- Eulogy.....Reverend Kenneth Swann
- Recessional.....Morticians in charge
- Musical Selection....."One Day at a Time"

*~ To Those I Love and
Those Who Love Me ~*



*When I am gone, release me, let me go;
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we've had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each of you have shown,
but now it's time, I must travel alone.
So grieve a while, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
And cherish the Memories within your heart,
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
If you need me, call and I will come,
Though you can't see me or touch me,
I'll be very near.
And if you listen with you heart,
You will hear,
All my love around you
Soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with my smile,
And a warm "Welcome Home"*

~ The Family ~



"A Message From Mom"



I am home in Heaven, dear ones,
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light!

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed./
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder, I so calmly,
Trode the valley of the shade,
Oh' but "Jesus" loves illumined,
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me,
In that way so hard to tread,
And with "Jesus" arms to lean on,
Could I have one doubt of dread.

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still,
Try to look beyond earth's shadow,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth,
You shall rest in Jesus land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home.
Oh! The rapture of that meeting,
Oh! The joy to see you come!

~ The Children ~

Perry, Lorraine, Waddell, Nannie



Obituary

Mrs. Annie Marie Degraffeniedt Crutchfield born on February 15, 1911, departed this life on Friday, September 12, 2008 at Sunbridge Assisted Living in Siler City, NC.

She was born in Chatham County, NC, the daughter of Lizzie and Fred Degraffeniedt, both deceased. She was preceded in death by her husband Gaston Augustus Crutchfield and one son, Levie Crutchfield. She was also preceded in death by; two brothers, and four sisters, one grandson and one great-grandson.

She joined Evans A.M.E. Zion Church at an early age and was a faithful and diligent member until her recent illness.

Annie Marie was a member of the Usher Board, Class Leader, Steward Board, Sunday School Teacher, and a member of the Senior Choir.

She enjoyed life to the fullest, sewing was her love. She was actively involved with the American Legion and the Enrichment Center in Pittsboro, North Carolina.

She leaves to cherish her memories; two sons and two daughters, Perry T. Crutchfield (Marsha) of Raleigh, NC, Lorraine C. Ratliff of Graham, North Carolina, Nannie C. Emerson (Raymond) of Siler City, NC and Waddell H. Crutchfield of Greensboro, North Carolina.

She is survived by three sisters, Tamer D. Fearrington of Pittsboro, N.C., Bernice D. Newby (James) of Bear Creek, NC, Christine Degraffenriedt of Pittsboro, N.C., and a very special friend Helen Marie Self. She has 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren, one great-great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends to cherish her memories.



Floral Bearers

Granddaughters

Honorary Floral Bearers

The Evans Chapel Class Leaders Ministry

Casket Bearers

Grandsons

The Evans Chapel Board of Stewards and Trustees

Ushers

The Evans Chapel Hospitality Ministry

Acknowledgements

The family with sincere appreciations, wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one.

May God bless each of you.

Interment & Committal Rites

Evans Chapel Church Cemetery
Siler City, North Carolina



Professional Services Entrusted To

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