

HOME GOING SERVICE  
FOR



Mrs. Lillie Freeman Rodgers  
1911 - 1982

*December 4, 1982 --- 3 PM*

Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church  
Pittsboro, North Carolina

*Rev. Franklin L. Rush, Pastor*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Hymn . . . . . "We are Heavenly Father's Children"

Prayer

Scripture

Hymn . . . . . "Sign Me Up"

Acknowledgments and Obituary

Solo . . . . "Let the Work I've Done Speak for Me" . . . . Clifton Scurlock

Pastor's Message . . . . . Rev. Franklin L. Rush

Song . . . . . "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Recessional . . . . . "The Lord's Prayer"

Interment . . . . . Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery





## OBITUARY

**Lillie Freeman Rodgers** is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman of Chatham County. She was born December 30, 1911, and departed this life December 3, 1982. A faithful and devoted servant of God now rests in peace in His care.

She was totally devoted to the wellbeing of her family and sought to provide spiritual and moral support to all the people who have resided in the Rodgers home over the last 45 years. In addition she sought to provide spiritual guidance to young people throughout the community. To this end she was involved in the development and management of numerous youth related programs. In recent years she became involved in a leadership capacity in local and statewide volunteer organizations for the elderly.

She attended Kitrell College and Elizabeth City State Teachers College and later received her B.S. Degree from Shaw University in 1950. Also, she did graduate work in mental retarded studies at North Carolina A. & T. State University. For 38 years she taught in the Chatham County School System until she retired in 1975. After her retirement she began providing tutorial services in her home for elementary school children and continued this service until her illness.

In her early age she joined Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church where she served faithfully as a member until marriage. Then she joined Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church with her loving husband and became a devoted and dedicated church member involving herself with any activities with which she could be helpful — not caring what the role was — just wanting to help. Over a faithful and long membership she has served as a class leader, member of the missionary, directress of children's department, served on the usher board, recreation department, publicity committee member, senior choir member, director of youth choir, Sunday School teacher, and many more too numerous to mention.

Among her most cherished honors were the following: Governor's Volunteer Award 1981, Mother of the Year Award for North Carolina A. & T. State University 1965, Female Citizen of the Year Award Eastern Star Chapter 521 Siler City 1978, Ms. North Carolina Senior Citizen's Federation 1976.



She was also involved with many other activities including work as president of the Central Chatham Senior Citizens Club, Chairman of the Legal Services Client Council, Volunteer work with the JOCCA Crisis Intervention Program and with the Alston Chapel Recreation Center.

In addition to her husband, Gathier Rodgers, Sr., she leaves behind four children: two daughters, Lucinda R. Jones, Lucile R. Graf. and two sons, Gathier Rodgers, Jr., Freeman Rodgers and one stepson George Nettles. 8 grandchildren, Alicia, Aaron and Darrell Graf; Rory and Kurt Jones; Erik Bryant Rodgers and Kimberly Coley; one sister Emily Piggie, two brothers William and Theodore Freeman, one niece Elnora Kennedy, two nephews William Albert Piggie, Ralph L. Piggie and a host of other relative and friends.

### SHE TOUCHED SOMEBODY'S LIFE

She touched somebody's life with her goodness  
She touched somebody's life with love  
She touched somebody's life with understanding  
Because that was her way of showing the Master's Love.

She touched somebody's life with her mercy  
She touched somebody's life with peace  
She touched somebody's life with her directions  
For that's the only way her whole life increased.

She touched somebody's life as she passed them by  
Because she knew she might never pass them by again.  
She just reached out and touched somebody  
And God's love came back not in vail.

*The Family*