

*Home Going Services
In Loving Memory
Of
Mrs. Ethel Josephine Pugh*

*Sunrise
February 07, 1948*

*Sunset
March 01, 2004*



Friday, March 5, 2004

3:00 p.m.

*Union Grove A.M.E. Zion Church
230 Union Grove Church Road
Bear Creek, North Carolina*

*Rev. Jace L. Cox, B.A. M.DJV,
Pastor Officiating*

Order Of Service

Prelude.....(Soft Music)

Processional.....Family and Ministers

*Hymn..... "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
Union Grove AME Zion Church Senior Choir*

Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Theodore Tyson

New Testament.....Rev. Sylvester Lambert

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder E.J. Alston

Solo..... "It's Your Time".....Mrs. Ola French

Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Mrs. Elaine Brim

*Words of Comfort.....Rev. Brian R. Thompson, Pastor
Simon Temple AME Zion Church, Fayetteville, NC*

Solo... "He Knows How Much We Can Bear"...Mrs. Mildred Brooks

*Eulogy.....Rev. Jace L. Cox, Pastor
Union Grove AME Zion Church, Bear Creek, NC*

*Selection..... "Every Day Is A Day Of Thanksgiving"
Union Grove AME Zion Church Senior Choir*

Recessional



Interment

*Union Grove AME Zion
Church Cemetery*

To My Wife,
I will live to see you again. I will always
have you in my heart and I will never forget
you. I love you and thank you for thirty-five
wonderful years.

Bye, Bye, for Now
Love,
Earnest J.

Special Tribute

Yours was a useful life; You wrought well while here;
You were generous with your time,
As you toiled from year to year.
Many lives you did touch, always doing your part,
Gladly to serve when called upon,
With a meek and humble heart.
Your life was dedicated to things noble and true,
It was no task for you to work that you wanted to do.
You'll never be forgotten, though you passed away,
The deeds you've left behind will live on each day.
We didn't want to give you up Sleep, sleep on take your rest,
This act of God we dare not question,
For He alone knows best
~The Family~

To Momma,
It's hard to believe that this is true,
But this time God chose you.
This is something none of us were ready for
But it was your time to go through the door.
We all know that you are up above,
Spreading down over us in your love.
You was more than just a mom,
You were our best friend.
Your precious memories we will hold,
Your life with us was always worth more than gold.
And now as you leave this world of sins,
The only thing we know to do is put it all in God's hands
We Love You,
Monica and Eddie

The Struggle is Over

*Sometimes when pain has endured
It is hard for us to see.
We can't see God's master plan
That He has laid out for you and me.
Many tears will be shed,
Before our sanity is regained.
The understanding is not ours,
But for Him that holds us dear.
Rejoice, for He has called another of His own,
Soon His plan will be complete.
Death is not the hard part,
But living the life to make a Father proud.
Just knowing that you've made it
And your heaven bound.
So, don't focus only on what you see,
Because Heaven is the turning point
And death is what sets us free.
Only in the flesh with pain we do unjust,
But God's love is in the soul
Which He lays to rest.
On the other side,
Oh when the triumph began.
No pain, no more sorrow
Rejoicing with family and friends.
The struggle is over, it's time to enjoy
Pain endureth for a night,
But what God has to offer
It is ever more.*

Obituary

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
Nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain..."*

Revelations 21:4

As we look upon our Mother, Sister, Aunt, Loved one, and Friend, let us not think of her as dead. She has only started living...

Ethel Josephine Pugh was born on February 07, 1948 in Chatham County, NC. She was the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Johnson and the late Mr. Grady Van Johnson. She departed this life on March 01, 2004 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC.

At an early age, she joined Evans Chapel AME Zion Church and remained a faithful member until marriage, after which she joined Union Grove AME Zion Church and worked enthusiastically until she was called to her Heavenly home.

She was educated in Chatham County Schools and graduated in 1966 from Chatham High School, Siler City, NC. She was employed for seventeen years at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC as a Zone Manager. Previously, she was a Special Education Teacher with the Chatham County School System.

She was truly devoted to doing God's Will and faithfully as well as diligently worked as Senior Choir President, a Member of the Deaconess and Stewardess Boards, served as class leader and a member of the Kitchen Committee, and also a member of the Headen Family Singers. With a cheerful and friendly manner, she wholeheartedly enjoyed all aspects of her duties. She greeted everyone with a smile and made you more than welcome.

She was united in Holy Matrimony on May 3, 1969 to Earnest J. Pugh; and to this union two children were born, Monica and Eddie.

She was a loving wife to her husband as well as a loving mother to her children and grandchildren and always placed the well-being of her family before herself.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving and devoted Husband, Earnest J, a daughter, Monica Denise, and a son, Eddie O'Neal; two grandchildren, Monrica Lenise Tabon (Chipmunk), and Mariah Nicole Pugh (Coco-Butter) and one special grandchild, Brianna Eileen Boyce (Cool Breeze). She also leaves to cherish her memory, her Mother, Mrs. Ethel A. Johnson, Siler City, NC; five brothers, Lonnie Grady Johnson (Sarah), Graham, NC, Henry Johnson (Margaret) Siler City, NC, Joe D. Johnson, Snow Camp NC, Leon Johnson, Siler City, NC, Cedell Johnson, Pittsboro, NC and one preceded her in death, Junior Pearl Johnson (Edna J. Johnson); five sisters, Dorothy Crutchfield, Barbara Green and Yvonne Johnson all of Siler City, NC, Carolyn Stroud (Raymond) Cameron, NC, Helen Alston (Jack) High Point, NC; seven sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, two uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Honorary Floral Bearers

Classmates

Deaconess

Pallbearers

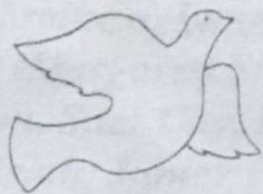
Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers

Classmates

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended during the illness and loss of their loved one. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His care. ~The Family



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