

*Homegoing Services
For
Mr. Willie D. Rodgers, Jr.*



Services

*Saturday, May 29, 2010
12:00 o'clock p.m.*

*Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
1085 Mitchell Chapel Road
Pittsboro North Carolina 27312*

*Reverend Kenneth Brooks
Officiating Minister*

OBITUARY

Mr. **Willie David Rodgers**, Jr. formerly of Pittsboro, North Carolina (Chatham County) was born on November 11, 1914 to the late *Willie and Fannie Degraffenreidt Rodgers*. He departed this life on May 24, 2010 at Rex Hospital Extended Care, Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death, along with his parents, by his wife of 69 years, *Mable A. Chalmers Rodgers* and brothers, *Gaither, Solomon, Charlie, and Jessie*.

Mr. Rodgers graduated from the Chatham County School System. After graduation, he moved to Raleigh where he was employed by Rex Hospital as Dietary Management for 48 years. During his years working at Rex Hospital, **Mr. Rodgers** was honored by many departments. He was featured as a guest honoree by Channel 5 personality *Mr. Ervin Hester*.

Mr. Rodgers joined Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church at an early age. Later he joined Rush Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was President for the Usher Board and was honored for his many years of dedicated service. **Mr. Rodgers** was a hard worker, devoted husband, father and grandfather. He loved attending church services every Sunday and spending time with his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted children, one son, *Millard A. Rodgers (Linda)* Knightdale, NC; one daughter, *Sherby Rodgers-Speight*, Raleigh, NC; six grandchildren, *Tyrone Payne* of Apex, NC; *Sherrie G. Bruce Taylor (Sterling)* of Laurel, MD; *Denniese Bruce* of Bowie, MD; *Donald G. Bruce Jr.* of Raleigh, NC; *Brandy Y. Rodgers* of Knightdale, NC; *Ginger N. Rodgers* of Knightdale, NC; one great granddaughter, *Sierra Taylor* of Laurel, MD; one brother, *Arthur (Mary)* of Pittsboro, NC; two brothers-in-law, *J.P. Chalmers* of Pittsboro, NC and *Marvin Chalmers (Bernice)* of Richmond, VA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



To Father

*It's a difficult task that a father's
assigned -*

*To always be loving and gentle and kind.
For there surely are times when he much rather be
a little less busy.
A little more free.*

*But you've never quit, dad.
Just because you were tired,
And these are the reasons
You're loved and admired.
For you've given your heart
And your fatherly touch
To your home and your family
Who loves you so much.*

Son & Daughter



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prefude

Processional

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise *Male Chorus*
"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Scripture

Old Testament *Rev C. E. Willie*

New Testament *Elder Rev. J. Rush*

Prayer of Comfort *Rev. C. E. Willie*

Selection *Male Chorus*
"The Doors of Progress"

Acknowledgements/Resolutions
Mrs. Clara Brooks

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection/Hymn *Male Chorus*
"I'm Gonna Make it"

Eulogy *Rev. Kenneth Brooks*

Solo *Alexander Alston*
"Because He Lives"

Recessional

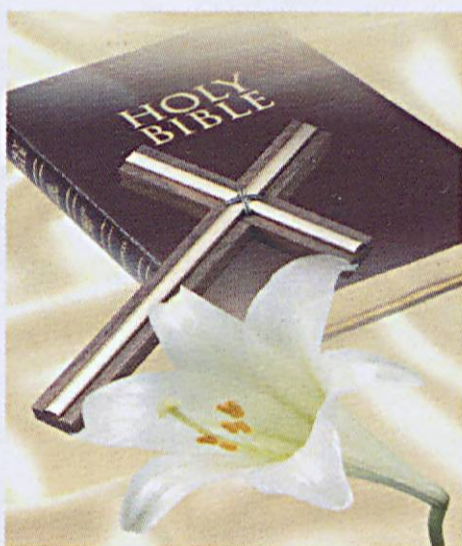
Benediction

Interment
Mitchell Chapel Cemetery
Pittsboro, North Carolina

READING

The Gospel According to St. John Chapel 1: 1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.



The Master's Call

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, all so dear.
But you see, the Master
called me,*

*His voice was very clear!
I had my mansions' founda-
tion laid,*

*a heaven bound ticket for
one was reserved. I knew that His call was for me —
heard it loud, "come on to rest,
your work is done." Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you,
my loved ones all so dear, but you see when the Mas-
ter called me, I knew I could not stay.*

*Yes, I've crossed on over to the glory land, and to
you all I say,*

*Stay In the Master's Hand
and we will meet again one day.*

- The Family

Floral Bearers
Missionaries



Pallbearers
Trustees/Grandsons/Nephews



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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