

Homegoing Services  
for  
Mr. Oscar Artemis Degraffenreidt

1929 — 1997



Services

Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church  
Mitchell Chapel Road  
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Wednesday, February 19, 1997  
2:00 P.M.

Reverend Melvin L. Tate, Pastor, Officiating



## Obituary

Mr. Oscar Artemis Degraffenreidt, son of the late Wesley and Candas Degraffenreidt, was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, on June 7, 1929 and departed this life February 14, 1997 at Villines Rest Home, Hillsborough, NC.

He received his education in the Chatham County school system.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one sister, Dorothy Bynum of Chapel Hill, NC; two brothers, George Degraffenreidt of Chapel Hill and James Degraffenreidt of Warren, Ohio; sister-in-law, Janie Degraffenreidt of Warren, Ohio; aunt, Elizabeth Cheek of Pittsboro, NC; two uncles, Jesse Degraffenreidt of Raleigh, NC, and Clarence Degraffenreidt of Graham, NC; two nieces, Dawn Degraffenreidt of Warren, Ohio, and Ida J. Moody of Siler City, NC; five nephews: Cleatus Johnson of Trenton, NJ, Howard Johnson of Maryland, Tony Hackney of Washington, DC, James Degraffenreidt Jr. of Warren, Ohio, and Larry Bynum of Chapel Hill, NC; and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



*Hope sees sunshine through the clouds  
and rainbows in the rain,  
Hope gives us strength to travel on  
when the struggle seems in vain.*

*Hope looks ahead to better things  
when a dream we had is gone  
Hope is faith that on the darkest night  
there will be a brighter dawn.*

*~ The Family*



# Order of Service

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Scripture Sentences*

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN**      *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

No. 256

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      *Old Testament*  
   *New Testament*

Psalm 90  
St. John 14: 1-6

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ OBITUARY**

*(Read silently)*

**SOLO**

Mr. George Clifford Sculock

**EULOGY**

Rev. Melvin L. Tate

**HYMN**      *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

No. 251

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

**RECESSIONAL**



*Interment in the church cemetery.*



## Floral Bearers

Louise McCrimmon  
Tammer Miller  
Evelyn McSwain

Lula Mae Alston  
Anna Williams  
Belinda Atwater

## Pall Bearers

J. D. Taylor  
A. D. Alston  
David McSwain

J. P. Alston  
Bernie Grey  
Leon Scurlock

## Acknowledgement

*For your heartfelt word of consolation, for your participation and attendance at this service for our loved one, for those who shared love, food, donations, calls, visits, flowers and messages during his illness and our bereavement, for those and all other acts of kindness which helped us endure, we thank you and ask God's richest blessing upon each of you.*

*~The Family*



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