ALLISON 4/10/00

Mrs. Bessie Banks Allison, daughter of the late Mann and Lula Cain Banks, was born on November 29, 1906, in Durham. She entered eternal life on Friday, April 7, 2000.

She was educated in the Durham city schools and was a graduate of the DeShazor Beau-



ALLISON

ty College.
She was a life-long employee of the American Supply Company and retired in 1973 after many years of dedicated

service.

She was a faithful and dedicated member of the Saint Mark A.M.E. Zion Church and a member of the White Rose Circle. She was also an active member in her community club.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her daughter, Mrs. Olivia Clements Weaver, of Durham; son, Dr. W. Anthony Allison (Dale), of Honolulu, Hawaii; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rosa Stanley Clements, of Camp Springs, Md.; six grandchildren, Mrs. Denise Weaver Hester (Larry), of Durham, Mr. Michael Durwin Clements, of Camp Springs, Md., Mr. Robert Dewayne Clements, of Camp Springs, Md., Mrs. Patricia Marion Dillard (Gregory), of Houston, Ms. Anita Allison, of Waimea, Hawaii, and Ms. Vivian Allison, of Washington, D.C.; nine greatgrandchildren; Mrs. Rosalee Starnes, of Durham; Mr. Elijah Suitt (Daisy), of Washington, D.C.; Mr. Luther Banks, of Durham; Ms. Julia Tapp, of Durham; Mr. Charles Thurston (Carolyn), of Durham; and a multitude of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis Allison; her son, Robert Clements; and her brother, Rivers Banks.

The funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Mark A.M.E. Zion Church The burial will follow in Glennview Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. at the church just prior to the funeral service. At all other times, the family will be at 2912 Fayetteville St.

Arrangements are by Burthey Funeral Service.

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### :-: ACKNOWLEDGMENT :-:

The FAMILY acknowledges with deep appreciation the many acts of kindness and helpful assistance shown them during the illness and death of their loved one. They are especially grateful for the cards, telegrams, flowers and other expressions of sympathy and concern.

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD UPON THE DEATH

Of



MR. WILLIS WILLIAM ALLISON

St. Mark A. M. E. ZION CHURCH 531 South Roxboro Street Durham, North Carolina

Tuesday, June 14, 1977 3:00 P.M.

Dr. L. A. MILLER, Officiating

MR. WILLIS WILLIAM ALLISON, son of the LATE FRANK AND EMMA ALLISON, was born November 11, 1905 in Cabarrus County, Kannapolis, North Carolina. He entered eternal rest June 11, 1977 at his home, after an extended illness.

He attended Cabarrus County School, Kannapolis, N. C. and Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C. He finished Tailoring and Carpentry School in Durham, N. C. He was a retired employee of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Durham, N. C. He completed twenty-two (22) years of productive service at the Veterans Hospital.

He moved to Durham in 1925 and became a member of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church, where he served as a faithful member of Steward Board No. 3 until his illness.

He was previously married to the late Lydia Hammie. To this union, one son, Dr. Anthony Willis Allison, was born.

In 1943, he was married to Bessie B. Clements. His dedicated wife, Mrs. Bessie B. Allison, exhibited an unrelenting loyalty and care for the deceased throughout his illness. Other family members provided many supportive roles during this period of illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Allison; a son, Dr. Anthony Willis Allison of Philadelphia, Pa.; a brother, James Allison of Durham; a step-daughter, Mrs. Olivia C. Weaver of Durham; a step-son, Robert Clements of Washington, D. C.; six grandchildren; two daughters-in-law; one son-in-law, and many other relatives and friends.

God's mercy is everlasting Though we may not understand This profound and holy wisdom Guiding this immortal hand.

And when we've lost a loved one Though the sorrow's hard to bear In faith we find the answer Our loved one is in God's care.

- THE FAMILY

PRELUDE—"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT"	THE ORGANIST
PROCESSIONAL—"Amazing Grace"	
HYMN — #151 — "O For A Thousand To	ongues To Sing" — The Choir
SCRIPTURE READINGTHE REVE	REND JACKSON TRUEITT
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Dr. L. A. MILLER
HYMN — #223 — "Jesus Keep Me Near	THE CROSS" — THE CHOIR
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Mr. F. H. Alston
SOLO	Mrs. Ella S. Hayes
EULOGY	DR. L. A. MILLER
RECESSIONAL — "On Jordan's Stormy	Banks I Stand" — The Organist

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### After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave When my life is done.

> Author: Carol Mirkel Poem selected by "Bobby"



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# DURHAM COUNTY

Charles 'Bobby' Alston,

DURHAM — Mr. Charles "Bobby" Alston, Jr., 71, of Baltimore, Maryland, died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Baltimore.

He was a retired professor at Coppin State University.

He had been a member of White Rock Baptist Church.

Graveside rites will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Williams Family Cemetery, Alstonville Road. Family visitation, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street. Viewing, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Parlor.

Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Parlor.



Charles Alston, Jr.
"Bobby"
Professor of Music

January 14, 1935 - April 12, 2006

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# In Memory

Of

CHARLES EDWARD ALSTON
1904 — 1971



WILLIAMS FAMILY CEMETERY
CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA



SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1971 12:15 P.M.

## OBITUARY

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CHARLES EDWARD ALSTON was born in Stovall, North Carolina. His life was dedicated to his wife, Marion and his son, Charles, Jr. He died unexpectedly at Duke Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina on April 14, 1971.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Laura Parker, of Durham, N. C. and Mrs. Mable Egerton, of Durham, N. C.; a nephew, Clark Egerton, Jr., of Durham, N. C. and other relatives and friends.

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"It was neither preaching nor praying which made a better man of me, but one or two people who believed in me better than I deserved, and I hated to disappoint them." — OWEN WISTER.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

ALSTON 1/29/2002

Etheleen McKnight Alston, age 82, departed this earthly world on Sunday morning, January 27, 2002, after a brief Illness.

Mrs. Alston was a truly devoted, loving wife and mother.



Born in Franklin Co., she
attended
Franklin Co.
schools, and
later received
a BS degree
from the
State Teachers Normal
School (now
known as
Fayetteville

State University) and later received a Public School Music Certificate from North Carolina Control University). Her elementary school teaching career, in Wake County and later in the Durham County schools system, lasted 38 years. She also taught music and piano as part of her career in the school systems and later at the YMCA for 11 years after retiring.

Church, in Louisburg, at age nine, where she was active in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and later served as church musician for several years before moving to Durham. Upon moving to Durham, she joined First Calvary Baptist Church, where she participated in Sunday School, the Missionary Department and was musician for the Senior Choir and Youth Choir for many years. Her great love of music led her also to assist many other churches in the Durham community for many years, especially during holidays and special programs as a pianist and director.

Surviving are her husband, of 48 years, Arthur S. Alston; one son, Wesley C. Alston and wife, Sylvia; her devoted sisterin-law, Johnnie Mae Belk, all of Durham; a special brotherin-law, the Rev. Dr. O.B. Burson, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; her special nieces and nephews, both in Durham and Brooklyn, N.C.; a host of other family and friends, from Durham and Franklin Co.; and her truly committed, loving First Calvary Baptist Church family.

Funeral services will be 12;00 p.m. Thursday, January 31, 2002, at the First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 More-

head Ave., in Durham, conducted by the Rev. Fredrick A. Davis. The family will receive visitors beginning at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be at the Cedar Street Cemetery, in Louisburg.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to the First Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham, N.C. 27707.

Arrangements are being made by Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home.

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# **Active Pallbearers**

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Henry Johnson
John Mason
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Walter Morize
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Acknowledgment

The Alston Family wishes to express sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during their hours of bereavement



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Friday, February 9, 1990 1:00 P.M.

The Reverend J.W. Barnes, Officiating

# -Obituary-

George L. Alston was loved and admired by all who knew him. He was irn March 31, 1924 in Durham, North Carolina to the late Bessie M. Rolf id James O. Alston. He attended Durham City Schools where he received to f his formal education. He met and married the late Louise Lockhart, om this union five children were born. A few years after her demise he as united again in marriage to the late Florence L. Tyson who preceded min death.

"Doc" as he was well known knew and accepted Christ as a young man, arly in life he realized his God given talent of using his hands to build and pair. With this talent he touched many lives. "Doc" always told and membered the words of his mother "With that talent you will always be ale to make it." Many of his jobs are still unfinished, but "God" saw a seed to call him from labor to rest and reward. "Doc's" life story was a flection of "If I can help somebody." His love of people is still cherished those whose lives he has touched.

He leaves to morn his passing: three sons, George Alston. Jr., of hiladelphia, Pa., James O. Alston III of Durham N.C., David L. Alston of hiladelphia, Pa.; two daughters, Veronica L. Alston Brown and Margaret. Alston, both of Camden, N.J.; one son-in-law, Stanley Brown; one sister, a Ruth Galbreth of Bronx, N.Y.; one brother, Thomas C. Alston of urham, N.C.; three sisters-in-law, Louise Alston of Philadelphia, Pa., lamie C. Vinson Alston of Durham, N.C., and Bernice Thompkins of East range, N.J.; eight grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and a woted friend, Ms. Vivian Thorpe.

### "WEEP NOT IN SORROW"

Weep not in tears of sorrow because I have gone away. but weep with tears of gladness for the peace I have today.

I know your hearts are heavy with sorrow that you bear but God has called me home, my place is ready there.

My stay on earth is completed my final rest is won I've received the richest blessing, to dwell with God's own son.

THE FAMILY

# -Order Service-

ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. Dorothy C. Judkins
THE PROCESSIONAL
THE HYMN What A Friend We have In Jesus
THE SCRIPTURE The Reverend Timothy W. Price Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church
THE PASTORAL PRAYER The Reverend Timothy W. Price, Pastor Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS  Mrs. Phyllis H. Nuchurch
SOLOMr. J. Thomas Walker
THE EULOGY The Reverend J.W. Barnes
THE RECESSIONAL
ORGAN POSTLUDE

erment — Glennylow Man

Interment — Glennview Memorial Park Durham, North Carolina

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Headlights For Safety.

### **FLORAL BEARERS**

Senior Missionaries of Orange Grove Baptist Church

Missionaries of Zion Temple United Church of Christ

### **PALLBEARERS**

Doric Masonic Lodge No. 28 F. & A. M.

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Deacons and Trustees of Orange Grove Baptist Church



### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We have been deeply touched and gratefully appreciate the many kindnesses extended to us since the death of our loved one. May the grace of God be with you and your families through this New Year.

The Family



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# IN MEMORIAM OF



# Mr. James Russell Alston, Sr.

(December 22, 1919 - January 1, 1992)

Monday, January 6, 1992 1:00 P. M.

Orange Grove Baptist Church 505 East End Avenue Durham, North Carolina

The Reverend Carl W. Kenney, Pastor The Reverend Horacr L. Bridges, Sr. Officiants

# The Obituary

Mr. James Russell Alston, Sr., the son of the late Mrs. Sadie Hayes Alston Hatcher and Mr. Virgil Alston, was born on December 22, 1919 in Durham County, NC. He departed this walk of life on January 1, 1992 at Durham Regional Hospital, Durham, NC.

He was a member of the Orange Grove Baptist Church. During his young adult years, he was a member of the Male Chorus. He relocated to Great Neck, Long Island, NY where he became gainfully employed at the Long Island Jewish Hospital for nineteen years. In 1983, due to failing health, he retired and returned to Durham, NC where he re-established his membership at the Orange Grove Baptist Church. He also became a member of Doric Masonic Lodge No. 28 F. & A. M.

He leaves to cherish his memory and mourn his loss, his wife, Mrs. Edith Louise Bridges Alston of Durham, NC; four children, Mr. James R. Alston, Jr. and Ms. Karen Z. McQuaig, both of Durham, NC, Mr. Virgil E. Alston of Richmond, VA and the Reverend Saundra Bullock-Hinton of Raleigh, NC; three daughters-in-law, Mrs. Josephine Alston and Mrs. Iletha F. Alston, both of Durham, NC and Mrs. Sylvia Alston of Richmond, VA; two sons-inlaw, Mr. Charles McQuaig of Durham, NC and Mr. Otis L. Hinton of Raleigh, NC; three brothers-in-law, Mr. Samuel Bridges and Mr. Paul Bridges, both of Durham, NC and Mr. Walter L. Bridges of Great Neck, NY; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Minnie M. Sally of Durham, NC and Mrs. Lucille Alston of Cleveland, OH; four nieces, Mrs. Mildred Nelvin and Mrs. Patricia A. Jones, both of Cleveland, OH, Mrs. Linda Freeman of Pittsburgh, PA and Ms. Sylvia Hayes of Durham, NC; two nephews, Mr. Ralph Alston, Jr. of Durham, NC and Mr. Lonnie Alston of Detroit, MI; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one aunt, Mrs. Mary A. Alston of Pittsboro, NC; eight cousins, Mrs. Minnie L. Lee, Mrs. Edna Royster, Mr. Melvin Farrington, Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Mrs. Alene Jenkins, Mrs. Mary Burton, Mrs. Bessie H. Jones and Mrs. Lillie Alston, all of Durham, NC and a host of other loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

> God saw the road was getting rough, And the hills were hard to climb; So He gently closed his loving eyes, And whispered, "Peace be thine."

The long and weary hours of pain, All the sleepless nights are past; For the ever patient worn-out frame Has found sweet rest at last.

The Family

# The Order of Service

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL
SONG"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Page 340 - Baptist Hymnal
SCRIPTURE Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23 New Testament Reading - John 14: 1-13
PRAYER
SONG"I'll Fly Away" Page 432 - Baptist Hymnal
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND OBITUARY
REMARKS The Reverend James E. Daniel, Former Pastor Deacon Wilbert Holloway
SOLODeacon J. W. Lee "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"
EULOGYThe Reverend Horace L. Bridges, Sr. Orange Grove Baptist Church
SONG
RECESSIONAL

Interment
Beechwood Cemetery
Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina

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Mrs. Lillie Crews Alston, 89, widow of Edgar L. Alston, of 5905 Hadrian Dr. (formerly of 625 Price Ave.), died Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at the home, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Alston is survived by her daughter, Doris A. Crudup (Wesley); grandchildren, Deborah



Sowell-Smith (Don), Thernarda Crudup Harris (McCoy), and Michael Crudup; nine greatgrandchil-ALSTON dren; and one niece;

er Historian all of Durham.

The family will receive friends

1, 2000, at Mt. Zoar Baptist Church prior to the funeral ser-

# FLORAL BEARERS MEMBERS OF THE GRAHAM PRAYER BAND

PALL BEARERS

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### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

For all of your kind expressions of sympathy, thank you sincerely. We shall long remeber with grateful hearts all of your comforting tributes and deeds.

THE FAMILY

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Final Rites

FOR

# Mrs. Lillie Mae Rogers Alston

(1920 - 1979)



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# MAXWELL'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH

Rev. G. E. Turner, *Pastor*Rev. Luther Brooks, *Officiating* 

MINISTERS ASSISTING
Bishop B. McKinney and Elder Roy Alston

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1979 2:00 P. M.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

### THE OBITUARY

Born in Orange County, North Carolina on May 30, 1920, Mrs. Lillie Mae Rogers Alston was a daughter of the late Mr. Carter Rogers and of the late Mrs. Maggie Thompson Rogers.

She was married to Mr. Claude A. Alston who along with 6 children of their union survives.

A member of Cedar Cliff Holy Church, she served well as long as her health permitted her to be active.

She was a member of The Graham Prayer Band for many years.

For a number of years, she had been in declining health and for 2 days she was critically ill prior to her passing from labor to reward on March 5, 1979.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by 2 daughters: Mrs. Alene Alston Jones of Brooklyn, New York; and Miss Maggie Louise Alston of Burlington; 4 sons: Kenneth D. Alston of Greensboro; Rickey Lee Alston of the home; William A. Alston of Queen's Village, New York and James Irvin Alston of Brooklyn, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Phoebe Gant of Burlington; 5 brothers: Mr. Irvin Rogers of Atlantic City, N. J.; Mr. Fletcher Rogers of Baltimore; Mr. Willie Rogers of Durham; Mr. Eugene Rogers of Hertford; and Mr. Junior Rogers of Burlington; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of family friends.

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside Into the shadow where we could confide, Away from the bustle where all the day long, I hurried and worried, when active and strong.

I needed the quiet tho' at first I rebelled,
But gently so gently, my cross He upheld;
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things
Tho' weakened in body, my spirit took wings
To a height never dreamed of when active and gay.
He loved me so greatly, He drew me away...

I needed the quit, no prison my bed, But a beautiful valley of blessing instead, A place to grow richer, in Jesus to hide. I needed the quiet so, He drew me aside.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL
HYMN The Cedar Cliff Holy Church Choir
SCRIPTURE Elder Roy Alston.  Pastor of Cedar Cliff Holy Church
PRAYERBishop B. McKinney
SOLO Mrs. Bettie Alston
REMARKS
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES AND THE OBITUARY
SOLO Mrs. Hilda Glasglow
EULOGY Rev. Luther Brooks
SELECTION
PARTING VIEW
RECESSIONAL
THE COMMITTAL SERVICE AND INTERMENT The Church Cemetery

HARGETT AND BRYANT SERVICE

Mrs. Lucille Harris Alston, native of Henderson and a resi dent of 520 Spruce St., died Sat urday, Nov. 4, at Duke Medical after a brief illness.

The funeral will be 1 PM Sat-



**ALSTON** 

urday a Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church by Rev. William Height. Burial will be in Beechwood Cemetery.

ALSTON She re-tired from the Durham County Depart. Social Services in 1985. She was a member of Greater St. Paul Church, the Gleenary Club, the Golden Age Sunday School Class and the First Church Security Force.

-Surviving are daughters, Elisa L. Henderson and Jacque M. Alston-Wilkins; sons, Joseph W. Green, David Lee Alston Jr., Larry Waddell Alston, Kenneth Michael Alston and Benjamin Wayne Alston; 35 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home and 1013 N. Hyde Park Ave. Pallbearers will be the Men's Striving Club and Doras Masonic Lodge #410.

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### ALSTON

Mrs. Margaret Webb Alston, "68, of 116 East Corporation, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, in Detroit. She was a native of Durham and was a CNA at UNC Hospitals.



Surviving are two sons, Mark Antho-Alston ny John and Wesley Byas, both of Durham; daughters, Stephanie Alston, Sherry Alston, Diane

Byas, all of Durham, and Vanessa Benton of Petersburg, Va.; two brothers, Albert Garland Webb and Wallace Webb Sr., both of Durham; three sisters, Katherine Brown, Jennie Abrams, and Lucille Whack, all of Durham; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Union Bap-tist Church by the Rev. Pebble Lindsey-Lucas. Burial will be in Beechwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be July 11, 2002, at 12 noon at the

Arrangements are by Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home.

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In Memoriam



MRS. MARTHA HARRINGTON ALSTON

1884 - 1963

Russell Memorial C. M. E. Church DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday, November 2, 1963 2:00 P. M.

THE REVEREND C. R. WHITE, MINISTER

# -:- OBITUARY -:-

THE THE SHIRT SHIP SERVICE

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Mrs. Martha Harrington Alston, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Douglass, was born September 23, 1884 in Chatham County, and departed this life October 31, 1963.

She joined the A. M. E. Zion Church at an early age, and for many years was closely identified with the activities of this church.

She was married to the late William Harrington, and to this union four children were born.

After the death of Mr. Harrington, she later married Mr. George Alston of Pittsboro, North Carolina, and became affiliated with the C. M. E. Church. She remained a devoted member until her health failed.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Flossie Torain, Mrs. Rosa B. Walker, of Durham, and Mrs. Mabel Gilchrist of Virginia; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several other relatives and friends.

# -:- MEMORIAL SERVICE

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HYMN—"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" THE CHOIR

SCRIPTURES—90TH PSALM

A PORTION OF 15TH CHAPTER OF FIRST CORINTHIANS

PRAYER

HYMN—"Amazing Grace" The Choir

EULOGY THE REVEREND C. R. WHITE

Solo Mr. Charles Harris

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT — BEECHWOOD CEMETERY

THE FAMILY GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGES AND DEEPLY APPRECIATES
THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS SHOWN THEM DURING
THEIR HOUR OF SORROW.

ALSTON

Ms. Mary A. Alston departed this life on Wednesday, January 24, 2001, at Durham Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Bristal and Claytie Alston, born March 6, 1928, in Randolph County.



She was the wife of LeRoy Alston, and two children were born of this union.

The memory and inspiration of our loved one will be eternally engraved in the

hearts of her husband, LeRoy Alston; son, Dwight Alston; daughter, Vanessa A. Lyon; granddaughters, Monique, Kristal, and Emile Lyon; grandsons, Norman and Dwight Alston Jr.; greatgranddaughter, Natayna; sisters, Alease Oliver, of Greensboro, and Lelia Kenner, of Greensboro; brother Fletcher Alston, of Washington, D.C.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. at Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, Ramseur, Sunday, Junuary 28, 2001. Viewing at Holloway Funeral Home, 6-7 p.m. Saturday, January 27, 2001 ALSTON

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Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. at Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, Ramseur, NC., Sunday, January 28, 2001. Viewing at Holloway Funeral Home, 6-7 p.m. Saturday, January 27, 2001.

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# A CELEBRATION OF THE HOMEGOING

of

# FRANK HOWARD ALSTON



"God has a purpose for each one of us, a work for each one to do, a place for each one to fill, an influence for each one to exert, a likeness to His dear Son for each one to manifest, and then, a place for each one to fill in His holy temple."

> Saturday, April 1, 1989 11:00 A.M.

Russell Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
703 South Alston Avenue
Durham, North Carolina

The Reverend Timothy W. Price, Sr., Officiating

# Obituary

FRANK HOWARD ALSTON was born in Durham, North Carolina on November 1, 1918, the son of the late James O. Alston and Mrs. Bessie Rolfe Alston. After an extended illness, he departed this life on Tuesday, March 28, 1989.

He received his early education in Durham, graduating from Hillside High School with high honors. North Carolina College (now NCCU) awarded him the B.S. degree in Chemistry and French and the M.A. degree in Chemistry and Education. He expanded his professional growth with graduate studies in guidance and attendance counseling at the National Science Foundation's Summer Institute at NCCU as well as Drug Abuse Workshops at UNC-CH and UNC-G.

He began his teaching career at Halifax County Training School where he taught Chemistry, French and Biology. From 1942 to 1945, he served meritoriously during World War II in the U.S. Armed Services with the Corps of Engineers in the European Theater of Operations in France, England and Germany. Upon return to civilian life, he taught at Burton Elementary School. His longest tenure as an educator was at Hillside High School as Science and Chemistry teacher, Dean of Boys and Assistant Principal. He retired from Hillside in 1979 after thirty-three years of dedicated service.

As a member of Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, he served as Church Announcer, Steward, Treasurer for thirty-five years, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman, Church History Committee. He was a loyal member of the Church Fellowship and Social Action Committees.

His professional and community affiliations included membership in the NAACP, North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, Durham Citizens Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of Durham Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He also served Kappa Alpha Psi as Polemarch, Chaplain and Chairman, Humanitarian Committee. He was Past Chairman of the Recreation Committee of the Burton Community League, Past President and Public Relations Officer of the 1200 Block Rosewood Street Community Club. In educational activities, he distinguished himself by serving as Recorder, Hillside PTSA and in DCAE, DCPA, NCAE, NEA, NCVGA Teacher and Guidance Association endeavors. He was a member of the Committee to Study and Reorganize Attendance Centers for Durham City Schools. He was a member of The Durham Sun Holiday Tournament Committee, Fund Raising Committee of the Lincoln Community Health Center, Board of Directors, Brightworld Child Development Center, Past Assistant Treasurer and Chairman, Fund Raising Committee of The Durham Community Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee and Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens.

Known by his affectionate name "Prof", Mr. Alston was highly respected, admired and loved both locally and nationally. His high ideals of service to his fellow man, his dedication to duty, his profound interest in cultural and educational development will be cherished and remembered forever.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mamie Vinson Alston; a sister, Mrs. LaRuth Alston Galbreth of Bronx, New York; two brothers, George Q. Alston, Philadelphia and Thomas C. Alston, Durham; nieces, nephews, cousins, mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha C. Vinson, Winston-Salem, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Iola V. Eason, Ansonia, Connecticut and Mrs. Louise Alston, Philadelphia; three brothers-in-law, Robert L. Vinson, Cary, North Carolina, Walter Vinson, Hollis, New York and Robert Davis, Philadelphia; goddaughter, Patricia Ann Murray, Chicago, Illinois, and godson, Timothy Howard Turner, Windsor, Connecticut.

# FRANK HOWARD ALSTON'S

HONORS — AWARDS — CITATIONS — PLAQUES — RECOGNITIONS — APPRECIATIONS 1946 — 1989

# Civic and Community

B. Allison Award The Charmalettes — 1979 Distinguished Citizen - City -State and Nation - 1952 Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, March, 1989 Willie Lovett, Chairman Durham County Commissioners March, 1989, William Bell, Chairman Durham Sun Holiday Tournament - 1987 The Durhamites of the New York Metropolitan Area First Human Service Award - 1986 F.H. Alston Star Award Hope Valley Country Club James E. Shepard Award - 1987 Martin Luther King, Jr. Keeper of the Dream - 1988 The Strudwick Family - 1980 The Vinson Family - 1977

### Educational

Brightworld Child Development Center - 1988 Distinguished Service - Board of Education - 1979 Durham City Association of Educators - 1979 Durham City Schools Resolution of Honor - 1989 Human Relations - DCAE -District 9 - 1978

# Fraternal

Distinguished Kappaman Achievement Award - Durham Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity - 1980 Durham Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity - 1989 50 Years Membership Award - 1986

# Hillside High School Awards

"A Stickler For Education" Hillside - 1946-79 The Alumni Award - 1981 Appreciation Award - Class of 1970 Budding Chemists - Class of 1955 Certificate of Appreciation -Class of 1950 Future Business Leaders of America -1979 Hillside Class of 1956 Hillside Jet-Setters Social Club -Keynote Award - Class of 1985 National Chemistry Day - 1979 Recognition Plaque - 1969 Science Department - 1979 30th Year Banquet Award - Plaque Testimonial Salute, Class of 1952, 1977

# Religious

The Laymen Council - 1986 Men of Russell Memorial C.M.E. -1987 Missionary Department, St. Mark A.M.E.Z. - Reverend Howard Haggler, Sr., Pastor - 1984 Russell Memorial C.M.E. Steward Board - 1980 The Seventh-Day Adventist Community Award The Shirley Caesar Evangelistic Crusade, Inc. "77" Community Award Frank Howard Alston Child Development Day Care Center, Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, March 26, 1989

# Frank Howard Alston Appreciation Day

- \* Organized by the Hillside High School Students and Friends
- \* Observed on February 17, 1989
- \* Presentation of Resolution in recognition of FRANK HOWARD ALSTON APPRECIATION DAY, March 6, 1989, Durham City Council.

Margaret M. Bowers, CMC

Wilbur "Wib" P. Gulley Mayor

City Clerk

\* Durham City Board of Education Resolution Honoring Frank Howard Alston, February 17, 1989, Dr. Thomas

Bass, Chairman

# Order of Service

Mr. Larry Green, Minister of Music Mrs. Eleanor Brown, Assistant Minister of Music

......Family and Friends PROCESSIONAL..... "O Jesus, I Have Promised to Serve Thee to the End" The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation By water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued. Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee. Amen. INVOCATION ...... The Reverend Doctor Charles E. Cobb Executive Director Emeritus of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice THE APOSTLES' CREED ..... ...... The Congregation Minister: Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith: Minister and People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Perfect submission, all is at rest; Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Refrain:

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of his spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

I in my Savior am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

# Order of Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS	Mrs. Phyllis Joyner Sims			
	Former Student and Church Announcer			
TRIBUTES				
	Chancellor of North Carolina Central University			
Dr. Frank	B. Weaver, Interim Superintendent, Durham City Schools			
	Dr. John H. Lucas, Former Principal, Hillside High School			
	Attorney Alfred S. Bryant, Life-Long Friend			
P	olemarch R. Edward Stewart, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,			
	Incorporated, Durham Alumni Chapter			
Mrs. C	arolyn I. Thornton, Former Student, Hillside High School			
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THE KAPPA HYMN	Durham Alumni Chapter			
	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity			
RECESSIONAL HYMN — "Crossing the Bar"	Instrumentalists			
Sunset and evening star, and one clear	call for me! And may there be no moan-			
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	h drew from out the boundless deep turns			

Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark; for, though from out our bourne of time and place the flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

Committal Service and Interment — Glennview Memorial Park

# TRIBUTES

"Cet homme est un succes qui part le mond mieux que'il l'a trouve."
"This man is a success who leaves the world better than he found it."

# THAT MAN IS A SUCCESS

who has lived well, laughed often and loved much;

who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children;

who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;

who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul;

who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it;

who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

# A TRIBUTE TO UNCLE HOWARD

Words alone cannot express how much of a special influence you had in our lives. The best way to express our love to you is written in your name.

U is for Understanding.
N is for Nobility.
C is for Caring.

L is for loving us and others.

E is for Excellence.

H is for Humanitarian.

O is for Outstanding in your service.

W is for your willingness to help others.

A is for your appreciation.

R is for your radiant personality.

D is for your dedication and devotion to your family and friends.

When we say the name Uncle Howard, there is no other person who fits that description. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. We will always love you.

Your nieces, Margratha and Mamie Chambers "The Twins"

# Active Pallbearers

Mr. John Bounsell

Mr. Percy Joyner

Mr. Bobby Lawrence

Mr. Arthur Lipsey

Dr. James Schooler, Jr.

M. William Turner

Mr. James Wall M. Charles Wilson

# Active Floral Bearers

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# Honorary Pallbearers

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Mr. Roscoe Graham

Mr. Richard D. Locust

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Mr. John H. Packenham

Mr. Thomas Pretty

Mr. Herbert E. Weaver

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Ms. Julia Tapp

Mrs. Alice Walker

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Stewardess Board, Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church

The Charmalettes

The Silhouettes of Durham Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

# Acknowledgement

The family gratefully appreciates and acknowledges all acts and deeds of kindness shown during the periods of illness and bereavement.

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Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind, And honor will honor meet; And a smile that is sweet will surely find A smile that is just as sweet.

Give sorrow and pity to those who mourn; You will gather in flowers again The scattered seeds of your thought outborne, Though the sowing seemed but vain.

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### FRANK HOWARD ALSTON

Some people make their contributions with gold and silver, some with material things and others with lip service. But, the passing of FRANK HOWARD ALSTON brings to a close a person who made contributions of his talents to the most precious possessions that we have and have had --our children.

WHEREAS, "Prof" Alston was more than a teacher, he personally dealt with the students, some of whom were told, "I taught your mother," or "I taught your father." He was disciplinarian, a professional educator, and a legend;

WHEREAS, He loved children and they loved him. He gave guidance to them and when there was trouble, the parents were summoned and he worked with them on the development of the students. He advised the parents on problems, and if it was necessary, he saw that the discipline was carried out.

WHEREAS, As a teacher, Dean of Boys and Assistant Principal, we knew that our children were in good hands;

WHEREAS "Prof" Alston demanded the very best performance and conduct from his students;

WHEREAS, "Prof" made contributions to all of us wherever he went--to civic, educational and political meetings. He was strong on community participation, on religious activities and with support groups for our communities and our young people. He took pride in recognizing his former students, their parents, friends and others as he moved around the city;

WHEREAS, Although many former students and parents have amusing memories of their brushes with "Prof," they all thanked him for what he did for them and their children;

BE IT RESOLVED, That "Prof" FRANK HOWARD ALSTON has been able to look back and smile on the days when some of his students had problems and he felt that his efforts contributed to their growth as professional athletes, leaders, parents and good citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all of those who were students and parents that were touched by him, all of the associates and co-workers who worked with him, all of the neighbors and community friends that looked up to and received support from him, and the school board that depended on him, his church where he served so well, his fellowmen to whom he was considerate, kind, passionate, honest, dependable, couteous and benevolent, we join them in expressing our sincere sympathy to the family knowing that Durham has lost a person those deeds and accomplishments will be remembered and revered by those that came within the sound of his voice, the thouch of his hand, within

the expressions of the words from his pen, within his educational and religious teachings and within the love that he had for everyone. He left a lot for us to emulate.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly, artelia, Kelly III and Sandra
The R. Kelly Bryant, Jr. Family

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# Alumni remember 'dynamite' teacher



FRANK ALSTON dministered the 'whammy'

### By LINDA SURRATT Sun staff writer

Back in 1955, budding chemists in "Prof" Frank Alston's chemistry lab at Hillside High School decided to concoct something new and exciting dynamite.

new and exciting: dynamite.

"We were experimenters," said
Clemon Baines, one of the eight
"experimenters" in the group.

"Sure enough, we were sitting there in the room, putting together different solutions. Folks were saying, 'That's not dynamite.' "It became active and we decided, yes, it was dynamite. That was when we decided we had to go, we had to leave! By that time, Prof became aware of what was going on and we ran over him — all of us!"

Prof Alston took control of the

situation immediately.

"You have to think about the safety of the children first. They've got to get out of there," he said. "Then they've got to be reprimanded. I put the whammy on on all of them!"

"The whammy" for Prof Alston meant having the students help stoke the boiler room at Hillside, wash windows and follow him for an entire week.

"I let them eat their lunch, but then they had to follow me around the rest of the time," said Alston, vesterday.

Alston, yesterday.

The memory is still vivid for Baines — following Alston around Hillside like an obedient line of ducklings. "It was really embarrassing."

Apparently the lesson took hold. Of the eight "dynamite team" members, one is now a scientist for IBM, another went on to Harvard University, one is head of library services for a North Carolina university, and Baines works with Operation Breakthrough in Durham.

Baines, John Edwards and Clois Lassiter organized a special tribute to Alston yesterday, a show of appreciation for the man who influenced so many young lives at Hillside.

Durham County Commissioners proclaimed yesterday as Frank Howard Alston Appreciation Day, and at 5 p.m. police officers blocked off Rosewood Street so that more than 60 Hillside alumni could gather in front of the Alston home.

The group sang the Hillside alma mater, there was a prayer and a few remarks by the Prof.

Then everyone filed in slowly, signing the guest register, taking a few moments to speak to Alston, who is now confined to his home

Alston suffers from a back ailment that has forced him to limit his outside activity since October. His wife, Mamie, still takes him to doctors' appointments, but she said he has not been able to attend his beloved church—Russell Memorial CME—since last fall.

Russell Memorial will honor Alston tomorrow by naming their Early Childhood Devlopment Center for him after the 11 a.m. service.

Alston is a Durham native, born on Nov. 1, 1918, and educated in the city schools.

He graduated from Hillside Park High School in 1935, and won a scholarship to Talledega College in Alabama, but turned down the honor, when his mother

# Former students honor Alston



died suddenly.
Instead, Alston turned to North Carolina Central University for his higher education,

earning a degree in chemistry.

He toured Europe during
World War II with the Army Corps of Engineers and returned to Durham to begin teaching at Burton Elementary School.

He has been a legend at Hill-

side High School since his first day of teaching there, in 1946. In 1948, he was named dean of boys, and he retired as assistant principal in 1979.

In the interim, Alston earned a master's degree at NCCU, and met his future wife, Mamie Vin-son. To this day, Mrs. Alston drives the Prof wherever he needs to go - he never got a driver's license.

"He just wasn't interested,"

Prof Alston was vitally interested in students, their families and friends.

"He was like a father to us," said one admirer who stopped by to say hello last night. "When I was in with a cold, he would send me money to buy fruit and juice," she said.

Alston often sent cards to students and friends, when he learned of their happiness or sorrows.

"I found that if you can help somebody as you pass along the way, then your living will not be in vain," said Alston, amid all the acclamation last night.

He greeted his company dressed in a white jacket, blue shirt and checked pants in his family room, remembering every name, face and graduation date.

"This is a biology student of mine, who graduated in 1958," he explained to a new visitor. His explained to a new visitor. His memory is legendary. "He's a walking encyclopedia," said a former student.

And he was renowned for his discipline at Hillside.

"He was firm, but fair," said Baines.

"He was always right," added Ms. Lassiter.

"When I ran off at the mouth too much, he would make me stay after class and make solutions for all the other classes," said Mar-sha Key, a 1960 graduate. "I couldn't go out and talk during recess, but you know what - it

made a woman of me. It made me learn to do what I was supposed to do."

Ms. Key told Prof Alston last night that she was happy - she was moving back to Durham as the new affirmative-action offi-cer for Durham County.

Alston measures his success as a teacher on the success of his

"They are nurses, and scientists and professors," said Alston happily.

A man after Alston's own heart is Dr. James Schooler, a former Alston student, who went on to major in chemistry, and is now head of the chemistry department at NCCU

Alston remembers a statement by the education writer for The New York Times, when he thinks about his 33 years in education.

"He said you'll never get rich by teaching school, but the consolation and rewards you get come from the students previously taught by you who come back and express their concerns," said Alston.

Alston was heartened to see so many of his old friends last night. "I'm grateful for the outpouring of love and concern," he said. "But I'm still humble."

Alston is also still active, despite his lack of mobility.

He is an outspoken proponent of education; he writes many letters to the editor, when he feels the need. He recently chided the city for a lack of vision in development.

He still continues to collect awards; there are dozens of plaques and certificates on display in his home.

He and his wife were awarded the Human Services Award in 1986 by a group of 200 former Durham residents who now live

in New York City.
Alston shows little sign of giving up his intellectual pursuits. And there are many Hillside graduates who are grateful to know that he is still there for

"Just keep on keeping on!" said a Hillside grad.

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# F. Howard Alston Appreciation Day To Be Held Friday

Alumni of Hillside High School and former co-workers of Frank Howard Alston will hold an Appreciation Day for him on Friday, February 17, in front of his home at 1215 Rosewood Ave., between 5 and 6 p.m.

The observance will be held there because Prof. Alston is ill and unable to leave his home

t this time. Alumni, friends and co-workers of the honoree will serenade him. As a part of the Appreciation Day, the City Council and County Commissioners have been requested to pass resolutions honoring Howard Alston. peated Durham will dedicate part of



their program day to Alston, during which alumni and friends will share their experiences and feelings toward Prof. Alston.

On Sunday, February 19, during the 11 o'clock worship hour, Russell Memorial CME Church, will honor Prof. Alston by naming its Early Child Development Center for him. Alumni and friends are invited to attend. For further information, contact Clem Baines at 683-8731, Ms. Cloyce Lassiter at 544-3584 or John Edwards at 683-3233

During his 33 years of work in the public schools of Durham prior to refirement in 1979, Prof. Alston was a teacher, guidance counselor, and assistant principal at Hillside High School. He is being recognized by his former students and co-workers not only for his work as a dedicated education professional, but also for the encouragement and support he continues to give them after they graduate from

Hillside. It is the norm for Alston to affend any special occasion where Hillside graduates were speaking, performing or being recognized for any kind of achievement, no matter how large or small. He could always be counted on to be present in the audience. In times of crisis in the family of a Hillside graduate, Prof. Alston's presence and contributions are always felt.

Frank Howard Alston was a 1935 top bonors graduate of Hillside Park High School. Though extended a scholarship to Talladega College in Alabama, he remained in Durham to attend North Carolina College for Negroes and graduated with a degree in chemistry.

During World War II, he spent time in the Corps of Engineers in the U.S. Army. His specialty was water purification while seeing duty in England, France and Germany. Upon returning to Durham, he taught science at Burton Elementary School. In 1946, he became biology and chemistry teacher at Hillside and in 1948, was named Dean of Boys.

While pursuing his master's degree at North Carolina College, he married the former Miss Mamie Vinson.

Prof. Alston was a strong disciplinarian, whose genuine love, concern and respect for his students was clearly understood and respected by his students. His name is synonymous with Hillside, from which he retired as assistant principal.

Long active in religious circles, Alston is a member of Russell Memorial CME Church where he is church announcer, treasurer, member of the Steward Board, W.Y. Bell Scholarship Committee and Day Care Center Board.

He is a member of the Rosewood Neighborhood Council, Durham City Schools Advisory Committee, Durham Sun Holiday Tournament Committee, NAACP, North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Durham Retired Teachers Association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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# **Editorials**

# Tributes To F. Howard Alston

Former students, co-workers and friends are going to pay tribute on Friday to Mr. Frank Howard Alston — a noble gentleman in every sense of the word: kind, considerate, caring, patient, fair, dependable, honest and unpretentious. All of his students knew this. Consequently, he earned their highest respect.

Mr. Alston was a tough disciplinarian who demanded the very best of his students. Students knew that when Mr. Alston asked a high level of performance and behavior of them, that he did it not to please himself, but because he wanted them to be the best they could be for their own self-enhancement.

So, we hope the tribute on Friday, as well as the additional one on Sunday at his church, Russell Memorial CME, are strongly supported by all who appreciate the contributions Mr. Alston has made.

Congratulations, Mr. Alston! You deserve these and more accolades.



3/30/89

To: Ms. Mamie Alston

and the Family of Mr. Frank Howard Alston "PROF"

From: Hillside Class of '65 -- Jackie Robinson President

The most descriptive words and phrases cannot express our feelings of regret and sorrow over the loss of "PROF". There will be many resolutions and acknowledgements to his memory, and they too, will fall short in depicting his value and contributions. His qualities, which you must mutually share, were so exemplary that they will affect generations to come. Those qualities were so subtle and engrossing that they have been absorbed permanently, merely by association. All of these qualities were evident in life because he cared, and we knew he cared.

His impact was so great and lasting, that at our age we still sought his approval and companionship. There is no small wonder that "PROF":

\*Would be invited to any and all class functions

\*Made each Hillside class feel as if they were special

\*Made each individual feel as if he or she was special

\*Knew your MOMMA and DADDY, and would let you know it

\*Never forgot a face

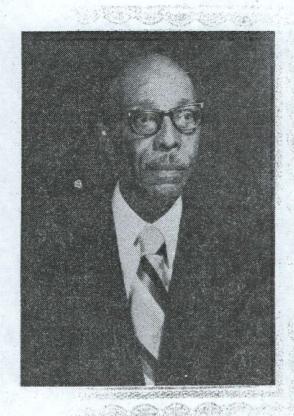
\*Took time to acknowledge any accomplishment, that one might achieve

We will miss him; but rest assured, when you see us, you see part of him. He took his concern beyond his profession. He instilled confidence through his guidance; enhanced our esteem through his encouragement; demanded self motivation by expressing interest and provided an example through his own efforts. He administered these contributions in his own "unique" and "incomparable" style, which cannot easily be described, but can easily be remembered. Each of us has our own "PROF" story. And as they are told, they will have the common traits of admiration, respect, gratefulness, appreciation and love. And if we work hard in this life to make a positive contribution to one tenth of the lives which he has, we will see him again. "AH BRO".....rest easy, and THANKS, for being you. For the Hillside Class of 1965;

Jackie Robinson

## Durham Morning Ferald

# Feature



Portrait Of Alston
Hangs in School Lobby



# FRANK HOTELISTIC

By PAUL BROWN Herald Staff Writer

There hasn't been a pupil at Hillside High School in 33 years who hasn't heard of the name and reputation of Frank Howard Alston.

"He's a very strong disciplinarian," says Mrs. Thelma Battle, an assistant principal at the school.

"His image is stronger than he really is. I think the word had been passed down through the years. "But he is really a soft and gentle person to know."

Outside of Hillside, Alston, also an assistant principal and a teacher at Hillside, is known for sending money, usually in small amounts, to people who get married or have a baby or to friends whose relatives have just died.

His name is synonymous with Hillside. He retired

this year.

"I think Mr. Alston is an institution within himself," says Hillside Principal John H. Lucas. "He has developed his own style of creativity and imagination which enabled him to contribute to our community, state and nation in a unique and gratifying way..."

Born in Durham Nov. 1, 1918, Frank Alston is the son of James and Bessie Alston. James ran Alston's Grocery and Fish Market in the neighborhood. As a young boy, Alston helped deliver the

groceries. Has parents had a deep elementary school, Alston said he began forming an idea of what he wanted to do for the rest of his life: Mortuary science, perhaps, or a physician or pharmicist.

But he got sidetracked in the eighth grade. The blame, he said, goes to his eighth-grade English teacher, Miss Minnie Pearson Spaulding. Mrs. Spaulding saw in Alston an ability to get ideas across and, he said, encouraged him to become a teacher.

But the desire to enter the medical field remained. After attending elementary school his parents sent him to Hillside, then the only black high school in Durham.

During his years there, 1932 to 1935, Hillside granted diplomas after three years. From ninth to 11th grade, Alston walked the halls of Hillside as a student. He graduated with the top honors in his class and was given a full scholarship to Talledega College in Alabama.

Thus 1935 was a red-letter year for Alston. It was to be tainted on Nov. 11, when his mother died.

> a Herald Profile...

"That altered my plans somewhat," Alston said. The scholarship was

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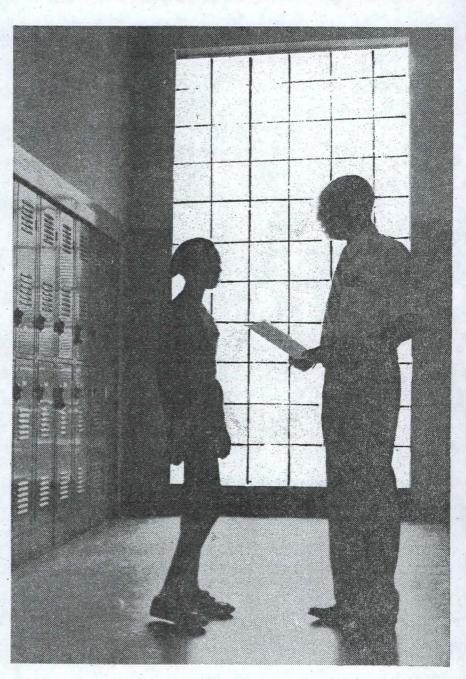
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### Portrait Of Alston Hangs In School Lobby



Alston Holds One

Theima Battle, an assistant principal at the school.

"His image is stronger than he really is. I think the word had been passed down through the years. "But he is really a soft and gentle person to know."

Outside of Hillside, Alston, also an assistant principal and a teacher at Hillside, is known for sending money, usually in small amounts, to people who get married or have a baby or to friends whose relatives have just died.

His name is synonymous with Hillside. He retired

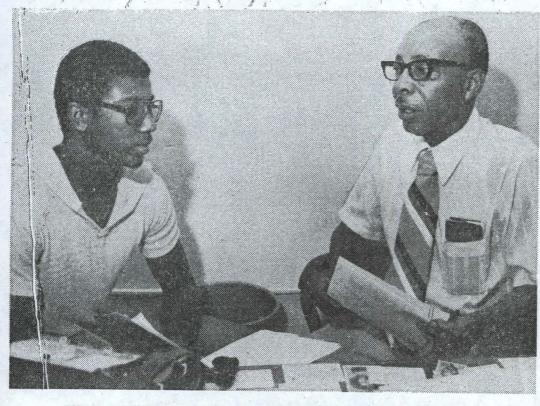
this year.

"I think Mr. Alston is an institution within himself," says Hillside Principal John H. Lucas. "He has developed his own style of creativity and imagination which enabled him to contribute to our community, state and nation in a unique and gratifying way..."

Born in Durham Nov. 1, 1918, Frank Alston is the son of James and Bessie Alston. James ran Alston's Grocery and Fish Market in the neighborhood. As a young boy, Alston helped deliver the groceries.

Has parents had a deep faith in education, Alston said. So he started school even though continuing the delivery job.

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William McMillan Tells 'Prof' About College Plans

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So he went to Central, majoring in chemistry and minoring in French. Alston also becaming the sports editor of the Campus Echo and president of the junior class.

During his days at NCCU, Alston said he remembers particularly the "outstanding leadership of the late Dr. James C. Shepard. Something he always used to say that I remember is 'A man without vision, or hope, would soon perish."

Four years later, he had his B.A. degree in chemistry. Then, during World War II, he spent time in the Corp of Engineers in the U.S. Army. His speciality was water purification, and he saw France, England and Germany during his three-year stint

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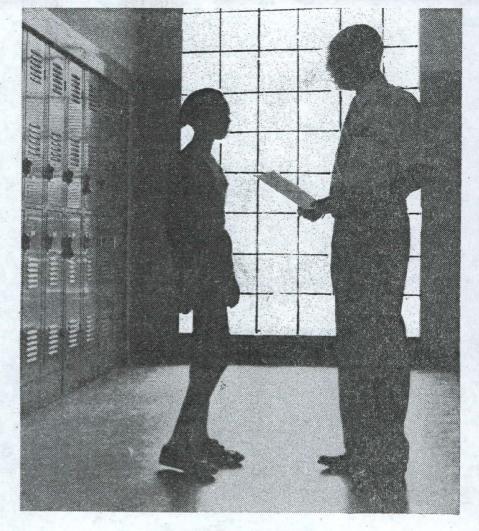
They are impatient. They want the main man to come up with some answers now. But, that's not only with children, it's with people. A few years ago they were more patient."

"Some of the more modernistic students are taking more advantage of more innovative curriculum. Some of them are maturing into better jobs and salaries."

And he feels that the 33 years were worthwhile. "If the job had not been rewarding, I'd probably'd be in the bug house." It has helped him keep younger in his mind, he says, "you know, sort of sharp in the subject fields."

His plans for retirement: "First, I'm gonna try to rest from the toils and rigors of the day. Then I'll probably do a little traveling and possibly attempt to write a history of Hillside High School or

See ALSTON On 8D



Hillside Pupil, Alston Stop For Talk In Hallway



Mr. And Mrs. Alston Look Over Scrapbooks Of His Teaching Career

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Sames of series fanoten tor monasteries and noblemen, with about 600 clerics and nobles in control. China took over in 1950 and, after squelching an uprising in 1959, launched a land reform and modernization program.

"Gone forever is the dark, poor and backward old Tibet," a Chinese policy statement says. "The Tibetan people have been carrying on socialist rewanger about the streets of old Lhasa, where many people are tattered and dirty and many a child has a runny nose. Dung is still gathered, shaped into mounds and patted against walls to dry for use as fuel.

Wraith-like worshippers spin copper prayer wheels and count their prayer beads, while exotic, wildhaired, bejeweled herdsmen lounge in the streets.



### Women And Children Stand In Sight Of Yak Herd

**Continued From 1D** 

Alston To Write

the educational system of Durham.

"Then I'll follow a few of my hobbies," which in-

clude painting, writing and reading."

Will he miss the pupils? "Yes, there ought to be some vestiges of nostalgia. However, I feel that occasional contacts with them may erase some of this nostalgia.

"I'd come back on some occasions, I hope."

"We'll miss his services," Lucas said, "but we realize that he deserves a well-earned rest . . .

What other thoughts does Alston have on modern-

day education?

"I think the whole American educational system is

caught in a shifting value system.

"The changes have made him (the pupil) more nonconformant, more carefree and lacksidaisical about

"The modern American student, as contrasted with some European and Oriental students, have lost the

real zeal to study, in some measures. .

"I think it's incumbent on all educative systems to go back to the teaching of the basics, that is, the mas-

tery of the three Rs.

"Then," he says, "they can go into the more experimentive subjects, like the new math. . . because I fundamentally believe that education should prepare one to enter a field of, enter the market of, services of the

"I think that somewhere there should be a need of people getting into industrial and vocational areas of life. This eliminates an oversupply in some fields.

"He's a legend and he is a man of conviction," Lucas said of Alston. "If he believes in a thing, he firmly believes in it. That shows a great deal of dedication.

"He was firm with his convictions as to right versus wrong."

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Both the monasteries and their lamas fell victims to the cultural and political revolutions of the 1960s.

The oldest of the three great monasteries, the Ga Dan, built 37 miles east of Lhasa in 1409, was destroyed in 1968, an official

says.
"Because of the influence of the Gang of Four, Ga Dan Monastery does not exist," says Shengquing Loshangjancun, vice chairman of the Tibetan regional Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

It isn't known how many other monasteries and landmarks were ruined during the cultural revolution, which reached its peak in 1968 when thousands of young Chinese and some Tibetans did ideological and physical battle with the old society, and each other.

Reporters touring Tibet were not permitted to see the remains of the Ga Dan Monastery, but Suodou, a Tibetan guide for the Chi-

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nese Foreign Ministry. says it "was destroyed. We took some measures to protect it, but what can you do when the masses housed medical bo act? The local government was paralyzed.

The monastery was destroyed by Tibetans, not Red Guards, he says, and the destruction was gradual.

"The masses did it spontaneously. They just went there and took timber, one day three pieces, the next day four." Did he take part? "Basically, no."

One casualty of the mid-1960s turmoil was the 300year-old Qing Temple atop Medicine King Mountain, which faces the Potala Pa-building is a s

lace, former resid the Dalai Lama, the priest of lamaism.

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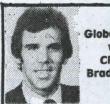
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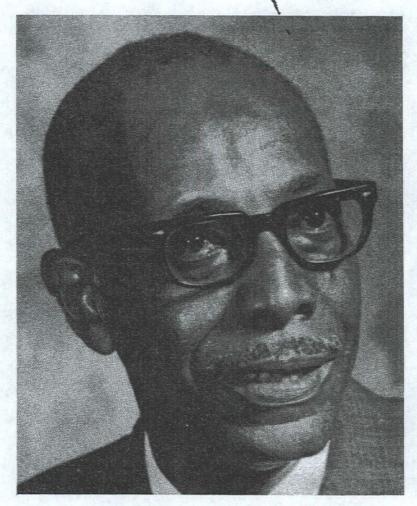


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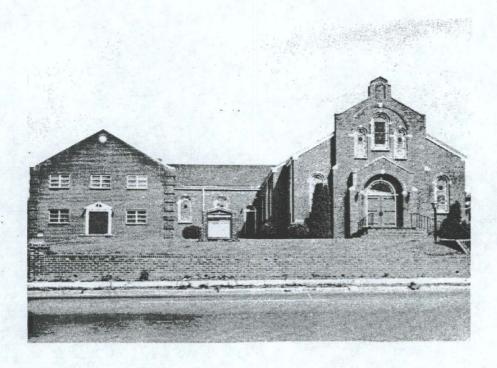
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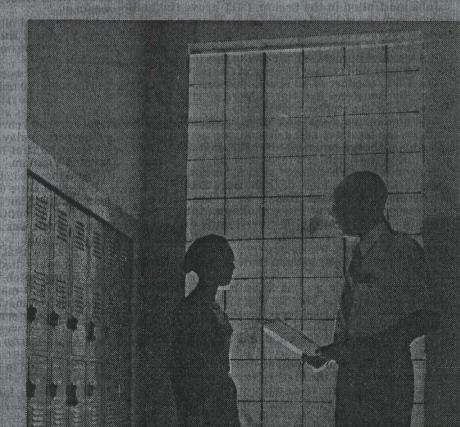
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The Alstons do not have any children, but he says they look at the Hillside children as their own.

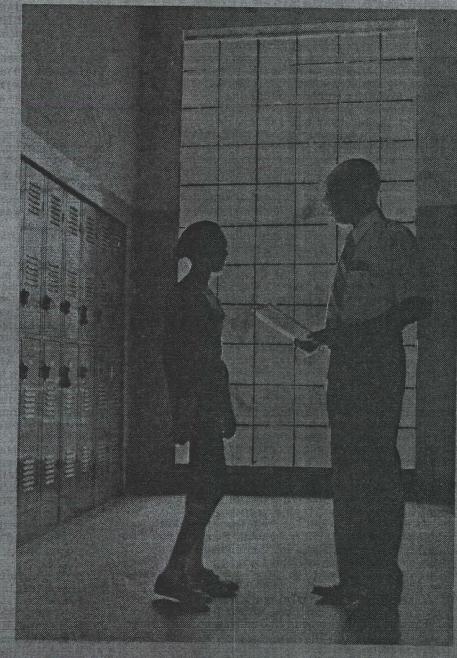
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changes in the children.
"Naturally, dress style
has changed," he said. And "some of them care less if they rebel a bit

"Some of them still want to waste their time on irrelevant things. Majors become minors and minors become majors for them. Some of them don't respect adult people, for example parents and

They are important They want the main man to come up with some answers now. But, that's not only with children, it's with people. A few years ago they were more pa-

Some of the more modernistic students are taking more advantage of



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Thus 1935 was a red-letter year for Alston. It was to be tainted on Nov. 11, when his mother died.



"That altered my plans somewhat." Alston said. The scholarship was turned down.

"If I had gone to Talledega, there would have been more of a financial strain," he said. "But they had the same offerings here at North Carolina Central."

So he went to Central, majoring in chemistry and minoring in French Alston also becaming the sports editor of the Campus Echo and president of the junior class

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During his days at NCCU, Alston said he remembers particularly the "outstanding leadership of the late Dr. James C. Shenard Samething he also."

## Frank Alston made Durham better place

When long-time Durham residents consider those who have made a real difference in the community, Frank Howard Alston has to be near the top of the list.

Alston, a former teacher, dean of boys and assistant principal at Hillside High School, died Tuesday after a long illness. But even when the end was near, the man known as "Prof" was still giving to Durham.

He recently sent *The Durham Sun* a letter to the editor about the major projects ordinance the City Council is pondering.

On Feb. 17, former students and friends gathered at his home to pay him tribute. In typical Frank Alston fashion, he called *The Sun* the next day to say "thanks" for the coverage of the event.

Alston was regarded as a disciplinarian at Hillside, but he carried out his duties gently. He frequently sent cards to students and friends when he heard about happiness or sorrows in their lives.

Now many of his former students are grateful for that style.

One Hillside graduate who talked too much in chemistry class recalled recently how Alston made her stay late and prepare solutions for other classes. She said he taught her what she was supposed to do.

Alston himself said he found "that if you can help somebody as you pass along the way, then your living will not be in vain." By that standard, he had a most meaningful life.

#### Frank Alston: Man Of Integrity

ccasionally come our way people who are so single-minded in hoping for the best that their outlook becomes infectious. Such was the case with Frank Howard "Prof" Alston, who died this week at the biblical age of three score and ten. That's an appropriate metaphor for his 70 years because Frank Alston lived the way one might expect a godly man to live.

There was an indisputable goodness to the life of the former Hillside High School teacher, dean of boys and assistant principal. He was a man who spoke his heart and conscience, a man of integrity.

And he cared, oh, how he cared, for Durham, its young and old.

In latter years, it was his custom to speak large truths and do little things to make this a better community, little things like sending a \$5 check to a high school graduate who was the child of a friend or acquaintance.

He was retired but not retiring. As public issues came to the fore, sometimes with great tension, Mr. Alston made it his business to become informed and to inform. He was always working to help build consensus on key issues. He was for economic development and a community with heart. His letters to the editor came to this newspaper in a 17th-century style. He would capitalize those words he chose to empha-

Hillside's 'Prof' Envisioned City Of Heart And Prosperity

size to assert more strongly his convictions.

He was not a politician, but he was an exhorter. In matters of race, which so often polarize Durham's political forces, he was both gentleman and humanitarian. If he harbored bitterness, he never showed it. His gentle spirit and gentlemanliness were powerful influences.

Many honors came his way, but he remained humble. Only recently, former Hillside students organized a special tribute and the Durham County commissioners proclaimed Frank Alston Day on Feb. 17. The American Chemical Society once named him teacher of the year. In 1986, a group of former Durham residents living in New York City gave him their Human Services Award.

For all that, and much more that was due this fine man, Mr. Alston preferred to honor and encourage others. Mr. Alston had a vision for a Durham whose heart becomes as generous as its economy becomes prosperous. He was of the old school, believing that wealth must be created before it can be redistributed.

His life was rich with testimony of the better way.

#### ~ Floral Bearers ~

Hillside High School Class of 1982

#### ~ Pallbearers ~

Derwin Abraham Melvin Carter Robby Davis, Sr. Paul Daye Harold McCluney, Jr. Greg Scott

#### ~ Honorary Pallbearers ~

Hillside High School Class of 1982 Drug Enforcement Administration Agents



#### ~ Acknowledgement ~

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of kindness and sympathy extended during this time of bereavement.

May God continue to richly bless each of you.

#### ~ Tribute ~

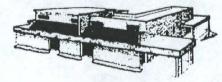
There must be a reason we can't see
There must be a reason why;
A reason we must take "on faith",
As we do the Son on high.
There must be an answer why it is
Someone who enjoyed life so;
Someone who is so dear to us,
Suddenly had to go.

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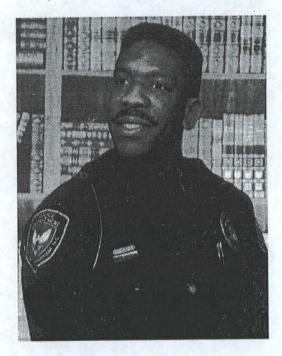
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In Loving Memory of

#### Mr. Milton Bernard Alston

(September 12, 1964 - February 17, 1999)



Saturday, February 27, 1999 2:00 P.M.

Hillside High School Auditorium 3727 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

The Reverend Avery C. Brown Officiating Minister

#### ~ The Obituary ~

Milton Bernard Alston, beloved and devoted son of Mr. Milton Alston and Mrs. Edna Daniels Alston, was born on September 12, 1964, in Durham, North Carolina. He departed this life on February 22, 1999, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Milton joined St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, Durham, NOrth Carolina at an early age and was a dedicated member. He maintained his membership at St. Mark throughout his adult life.

A 1982 graduate of Hillside High School, Milton participated in the chorus and played varsity football and baseball. He excelled in the classroom as well as on the playing field.

Milton attended Norfolk State University on an athletic scholarship. He later transferred to North Carolina Central University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections.

In 1987, Milton joined the Durham Police Department. During his eight years of devoted service with the department, he served in several capacities including a certified Basic Law Enforcement instructor, Special Olympics runner, honor guard officer, a member of the Selective Enforcement Team, a criminal investigator, and a member of the Organized Crime Division. Milton's service with the Durham Police Department focused on the ever present war against drugs and crime.

In 1995, Milton joined the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration and was assigned to New Orleans, Louisiana. During his three and one-half years of service, he was a member of the Metropolitan Enforcement Team.

Milton leaves to cherish his loving memories his parents, Mr. Milton Alston and Mrs. Edna Daniels Alston, both of Durham, N.C., his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah McNeill of Durham; aunts, Mrs. Sarah Lee Bowling of Falls Church, Virginia, Mrs. Effie (William) Adderly and Mrs. Marilyn McNeil, both of Durham and Ms. Sadie Alston of Los Angeles, CA; uncles, Mr. Fletcher (Carolyn) Daniels of Fairfax, VA and Robert Alston of Durham, Mr. Lewis (Sylvia) McCullough, New York, Mr. John (Louise) McCullough, Maryland, cousins, Donald (Shelvette) Adderly, Charles (Andrea) Bowling, Saralyn (Vincent) Aylor, Cynthia (Len) Barnes, Kenneth (Val) Daniels, Moranda Edwards, Nathaniel Daniels, Michael Daniels, Shirley Lee, Natasha Parks, Ronnie Lee, Vickie McNeil, Rhonda McNeil, Geraldine (David) McGhee, Earl McNeil, Jr., Earlene McNeil, Yvonne Jenkins, and Dennis Young; godmother, Carolyn Barnes; godbrother and sister, Paul and Teresa Daye; godchildren, Danielle Spence, Shavonne Hunter, Calvin Brooks, Jr., Eryn Campbell, Colbi Campbell and several extended family members and special friends.

#### ~ The Order of Service ~

PRELUDE	Mrs. Cora Hunter, Musician
PROCESSIONAL	Musical Interlude
SELECTION	The Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	Minister Monte Campbell New Birth Baptist Church Old Testament New Testament
PRAYER OF COMFORT	The Reverend Tony L. Scott Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church
SOLO	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Ms. LaQuinta Parker
OBITUARY	
REMARKS	The Reverend Lawrence Miller Evans Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church
	Special Agent Jay Miles Drug Enforcement Administration
	Major Glenda Beard Durham Police Department
	Sergeant Calvin Brooks Durham County Sheriffs Department
	Mrs. Bliss Copeland Hillside High School Class of 1982
SELECTION	The Chancel Choir
EULOGY	The Reverend Avery C. Brown
SOLO	Ms. Mary Wingate Mr. Ivey Joe Paige, Musician
	Musical Interlude
POSTLUDE	Mrs. Cora Hunter, Musician

#### ~ Interment ~

Beechwood Cemetery 3300 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

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Funeral services will be Saturday, February 27, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at Hillside High School Auditorium, Rev. Avery C. Brown, officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at Hillside High School Auditorium.

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The Faithful Redeemed Bible Class

#### HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS AND PALLBEARERS

Women of Zone Number Eight, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
The Department of Missions
The Seniors Citizens Society of Mount Vernon,
Saint Titus Episcopal Church, and
the W. D. Hill Community Center

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FAMILY

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## SERVICE OF MEMORY For MISS MITTIE LOUISE ALSTON 1907 — 1976



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## MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1976 2:30 P.M.

THE REVEREND PERCY L. HIGH, Pastor, Officiating

"I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be ever; nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

#### -:- OBITUARY -:-

MISS MITTIE LOUISE ALSTON, daughter of the late James Oliver and Bessie Rolfe Alston, was born February 2, 1907 in Durham, North Carolina. She departed this life Friday, February 20, 1976 after on extended illness while confined at the Hillhaven Convalescent Home.

Miss Alston attended the public schools of Durham and was graduated from Hillside High School. She became a member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church under the pastorship of the late Reverend W. C. Williamson.

An active and loyal member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church until illness curtailed her activities, Miss Alston served faithfully as a member of Zone Number Eight in the Department of Mission as Assistant Chairman of Deborah Missionary Society, the Baptist Training Union; the The Vacation Bible School; the Youth Department; and the J. E. Best Bible Class.

Her community activities included membership in the Senior Citizens Club, dedicated merchant, saleslady for the leading Black publication, The Afro American Newspaper, owner of Alston Kindergarten, employee of City Recreation Department, and service as governess for many children in the Durham community.

She had the capacity and ability to win and influence friends in all walks of life. Her motherly attributes were recognized both in and outside of the family circle.

Miss Alston was awarded a plaque by Zone Eight of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in 1974, and received honors for sewing entries in the Durham County Fair on several occasions. Additionally, she was awarded an expense paid trip to Chicago by the *Afro American* Newspaper for outstanding service.

Surviving Miss Alston are: one foster son, Eugene L. Alston, of San Diego, California; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret A. Howard, of Durham, and Mrs. Ruth Galbreth, of Bronx, New York; three brothers, F. Howard Alston, of Durham, George L. Alston, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Thomas C. Alston, of Durham; one daughter-in-law; three grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, James F. Howard, and Robert L. Davis, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Alston, and Mrs. Louise Alston, both of Pleasantsville, New Jersey, and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

"All things in life change, sometimes slowly and sometimes quickly. We do not notice the gradual changes, but the sudden change comes like a great shock. We are frequently stunned or filled with grief. Death comes suddenly, but like birth, death is an open door to a new and greater life." — From The Open Door.

#### -- ORDER OF SERVICE -:

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THE PRELUDE	Wils, E. II. Togic
THE PROCESSIONAL	
HYMN	The Sanctuary Choir
THE SCRIPTURE	The Reverend Lorenzo A. Lynch Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church
THE PRAYER OF COMFORTT	he Reverend L. H. Whelchel, Jr. Pastor Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church
THE HYMN OF CONSULATION	The Sanctuary Choir
THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AN Mr. Lee	ID RESOLUTIONS — M. Googe, Mrs. Mayme H. Perry, and Mr. Jarius C. Wilson
SOLO — "How Great Thou Art"	Mrs. Viola P. Rogers
THE EULOGY	The Reverend Percy L. High Pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
THE RECESSIONAL	
THE POSTLUDE	The Organist

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#### Interment

Beechwood Cemetery Durham, North Carolina

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Mrs. Phyllis Lewis Carroll Alston, 49, went to her eternal rest on Friday, January 23, 2004, at her home with her hus-band of 26

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years after a lengthy period of illness. Mrs. Alston was the daughter of Stella Solomon Carroll of Warrenton, North Carolina, and the late Vernon Lewis Carroll. She was born July 1, 1954, in Vance County. Mrs. Alston grew up in Warrenton and attended Warren County Schools. She jained Jones Chapel Baptist Church at an early age where she was a member of the Children's Choir, and she loved and enjoyed being a 4-H Club member. She remained a faithful member of Jones Chapel Church until she moved away to attend college. In 1976, she earned her BS Degree in Exceptional Education from Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., and later earned her Master's Degree in Special Education from North Carolina Central University in Durham. Mrs. Alston was a resource teacher for 26 years before retiring in 2002 due to her health. She taught in Warren County for three years and in the Durham Public School System for 23 years at Hillside High School. She truly loved her profession and she loved Hillside. Mrs. Alston believed in and inspired every student that came under her tutelage.
Phyllis embraced lite, beau-

ty and culture. She was a woman of many interests and talents. Her eye for beauty was reflected in her years of dedi-cation to decorating for Hillside's proms and also her family's annual reunions. She loved art, reading books, traveling, and talking to friends and family. Family was very important to her. She also enjoyed her membership in the nationally recognized Black Women's Investment Club, and being a Durham delegate to National Education Association conventions.

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In addition to her mother, she is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Herman Alston, Jr. of the home; two sisters, Sharine Carroll of Creedmoor, N.C., Jackie Carroll-Garcia and husband, Juan Garcia of Durham; two brothers, Durail Carroll of Durham, and Terry Carroll of Henderson, N.C. and a "cherished sister", Sylvia Carroll Hughes and husband Gregory of Charlotte. Also left to remember her are three nieces, Amber Carroll of Durham, Sylcoria Carroll of Creedmoor, Brianna Hughes of Charlotte, and five nephews, Antoine Attucks of Warrenton, N.C., Vernando Garcia-Carroll of Durham, Theodore Singletary of Red Springs, N.C., Wayne Burnette of Cheraw, S.C., and Ty Hughes of Char-; lotte, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and "good friends". She always had hope, I never gave up, and will be missed by all who knew her.

Visitation is from 6 to 7 p.m. J Friday at the Scarborough & J Hargett Funeral Chapel. The I service will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Jones of Chapel Baptist Church in Warrenton, N.C.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to the American Lung Association and Bennett College, - Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home.

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## ROLAND ALSTON, SR.



DIED JANUARY 20, 1994

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#### MR. ROLAND ALSTON SR.

Mr. Roland Alston Sr., 85, of 2900 Fayetteville St., died Thursday, Jan. 20, at his home.

Mr. Alston was a native of Chatham County. In the late 1930s and early 1940s, he sang bass with the New Hope Association Male Chorus and the Golden Trumpets Quartet. Mr. Alston was employed with the Duke, Biddle, Tent and Semans families for more than 50 years. He was a member of Holland Chapel AME Zion Church for 70 years.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Apex by the Rev. Dr. Marcus V. Ingram and the Rev. Lawrence R. Turner. Burial will be in the Williams family cemetery.

Mr. Alston is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stella Atwater Alston: two sons, Mr. William Roland Alston Jr. and Mr. Joseph L. Alston, both of Durham; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel A. Young and Ms. Flossie Alston, both of Washington; two brothers, Mr. Gladys Alston of Scranton, Pa., and Mr. Jack L. Alston of Moncure; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive visitors from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Fisher Funeral Parlor.



#### CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep
Too full for sound and foam
When that which drew from out the
boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell
and after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell!
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne
of Time and Place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

-By Alfred Lord Tennyson

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REQUIEM

for

MR. SAINT ELMO ALSTON
1911 — 1983



Friday, January 7, 1983 — 2:00 P.M.

BANK STREET MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH Norfolk, Virginia

The Reverend Albert Paul Brinson, Officiating

#### **OBITUARY**

God's plans are like the ocean,
Varied as the winds that fall—
All are products of his wisdom,
All are subject to his call.
Not a breeze that stirs the tempest—
Or a sparrow down doth fall,
But our Heavenly Father knoweth—
For He watches over all.

During the morning hours of Tuesday, January 4, 1983, the Angel of Silence took our beloved husband and father, Saint Elmo Alston.

He was born in Newark, New Jersey October 15, 1911, the son of the late James and Olivia Williams Alston. He was reared, and attended the public schools, in Hollister, N. C. He was a member of Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church in Norfolk, where he held membership until his passing. Ill health prevented him from being as active recently in the church as he desired.

He retired from government services may 1978. He held membership in the Rising Sun Lodge No. 2, F.&A.M., Cohesion Chapter No. 14, R.A.M.; St. Thomas Commandery No. 4, Knights of Temple, Alpha and Omega No. 9 Consistory, Scottish Rite Bodies and Arabia Temple No. 12.

He was a quiet individual with an imaginative sense of humor. He had a gift of friendship and concern for the welfare of his fellowman. This was translated into many acts of kindness and devotion. He was a loving, kind and gentle person who was loved by all. He will be missed deeply for we loved him dearly, but God loved him best.

"Sleep on dear one"—we say to you, "It is not darkness you have gone to, for God is light. It is not lonely for Christ is with you. It is not an unknown country, for Christ is there."

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Susie V. Alston; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley A. Nottingham, Virginia Beach, Mrs. Bertha O. Copeland, Hampton; one son, James E. Alston, Norfolk; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one aunt, Magnolia Williams, Arcola, N. C.; two sons-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

We cannot change the Divine law, but we can face the days ahead with courage, thankful for all the joys that we shared with our dear loved one. With grateful hearts and tender memories.

The Family

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. Inez Clary
THE PROCESSIONAL Bach "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"
THE HYMN
THE SELECTED SCRIPTURES
The Old Testament
The New Testament
THE PRAYER OF CONSOLATION
THE HYMN
THE EULOGY Rev. Albert Paul Brinson
THE BENEDICTION
THE RECESSIONAL

Interment — Rudd Family Cemetery Hollister, N. C.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday in Pine Chapel Baptist Church in Hollister, N. C. with the pastor, Rev. Kermit Richardson, officiating.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family wishes to thank those who remembered them through expressions of sympathy and kindness during their bereavement. May God bless each of you.

#### **Active Pallbearers**

Robert Edwards
Leon Goldston
Henry Johnson
George McKay
Garson McLeod
Walter Morize

#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

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## SERVICE IN MEMORY FOR

Mr. Thomas Carlton "TC" Alston



Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapel 306 S. Roxboro St. Durham, North Carolina

> Tuesday, February 13, 1990 11 A.M.

The Reverend Timothy W. Price, Sr., Officiating

#### -Obituary-

THOMAS CARLTON "TC" ALSTON, son of the late James Oliver and Bessie Rulfe Alston, was born January 3, 1926. He departed this life Saturday, February 10, at The Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Mr. Alston attended the Durham City Schools.

He served his country by working at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and as a member of the 71st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. La Ruth A. Galbreth, Bronx, New York; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Louise Alston, Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Mamie C. Vinson Alston, Durham, N.C.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a devoted friend, Mrs. Sarah Kiser.

"WEEP NOT IN SORROW"

Weep not in tears of sorrow because I have gone away but weep with tears of gladness for the peace I have today.

I know your hearts are heavy with sorrow that you bear but God has called me home, my place is ready there.

My stay on earth is completed my final rest is won I've received the richest blessing, to dwell with God's own son.

The Family

#### -Order of Service-

ORGAN PRELUDEMr. Larry Green
THE PROCESSIONAL
THE HYMN
THE SCRIPTURE The Reverend J. W. Barnes
THE PASTORAL PRAYER The Reverend J. W. Barnes
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RESOLUTIONS
SOLO
INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION
THE EULOGY The Reverend Timothy W. Price, Sr. Pastor, Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church
THE RECESSIONAL
ORGAN POSTLUDEMr. Larry Green

Interment — Glennview Memorial Park

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#### MRS. VIRGINIA WILLIAMSON ALSTON

Final rites for Mrs. Virginia Williamson Alston were held Sunday, November 4, at White Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Thelma M. Battle officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery. She died Friday, November 22.

She was born July 12, 1910 in Durham, a daughter of the late Ephriam and Mrs. Salle Williamson. She studied music at North Carolina College was New York School of Music. She was a teacher, director and

owner of College View Nursery School for twenty years. She was a member of the North Carolina State Board of Public Instruction for four years and served a public speaker in the interest of pre-kindergartners to be included in public schools. She also served on the State Board of Curriculum Guide Committee for Day Care in Technical Institutions and Community Colleges. She was an instructor for the AHOY Exercise Program for senior citizens at the W.D. Hill Community Center, a program sponsored by the Recreation Department of Durham. She was a member of the Durham Human Relations Commission and was president of the Durham Chapter of AARP #189.

She wantied to Hodgesty V. Alston and they were parents of Rita Francis and Venore Richard.

Mrs. Alston was a member of White Rock Baptist Church where she served as director of the Gospel Chorus, member of the Deaconess Board, member of the Sylvia Williams Missionary Circle, Sarah E. Smith District, Susie V. Norfieet Bible Class, member and director of the Senior Choir and Tiny Tots Choir. She was also a member of Drucilla Chapter #19, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Rita Alston Roberts of Raleigh and Venore Richard Alston of Cary; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a niece, Ms. Mable H. Robinson of Durham; severa nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.



#### A Homegoing Service For



Virginia Williamson Alston July 12, 1910 - November 22, 2002

She would say to us...
You can do it baby, you always could;
You can win, if you pray real good;
You can make it, if you always try;
You must never quit, give up or die.
You must live a life worthy of praise;
You must never waste any of your days
With idle thoughts and unwise deeds;
Keep your head high, say thank you and please;
Just keep on praying every hour of the day

Mother, no one knows when their time is going to come, No one knows when they are going to be missed, Your presence upon us was a blessing.

> SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2002 Visitation – 1:30 P.M. Funeral Service – 2 P.M.

#### WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

3400 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, Pastor Rev. Thelma M. Battle, Officiating

#### The Obituary

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew Their strength, they shall mount up with wings Like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; And they shall walk, and not faint.



#### Virginia Williamson Alston

Was called to heaven on November 22, 2002

She was born July 12, 1910 to the late Ephriam and Sallie Williamson in Durham, N.C. She was one of four children who enjoyed a happy life right until their homegoing. She called the White Rock Baptist Church home for over fifty years.

In January 1941, Virginia was united in Holy Matrimony to Hodgesty V. Alston. From this union two children were born, Rita Francis and Venore Richard. Next to God, Virginia's family was most important in her life. Virginia Alston was well known for her many talents especially music which she studied at North Carolina College and the New York School of Music. She was a teacher. director and owner of College View Nursery School for twenty years. She was a member of the North Carolina State Board of Public Instruction for four years and served as public speaker in the interest of pre-kindergartners to be included in public schools. She also served on the State Board of Curriculum Guide Committee for Day Care in Technical Institutions and Community Colleges. She was an instructor for the AHOY Exercise program for the W.D. senior citizens at Community 3 Center, a program recreation department sponsored by the of Durham. was a member of the Durham Human Relations Commission and was President of the Durham Chapter of AARP #189. She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church where she served as director of the Gospel Chorus, a member of the Deaconess Board, a member of the Sylvia Williams Missionary Circle, Sarah E. Smith District, Susie V. Norfleet Bible Class and member and director of the Senior Choir and Tiny Tots Choir. She was also a member of Drucilla Chapter #19. Order of the Eastern Star.

As Virginia begins her spiritual journey towards heaven, she leaves two children, Rita Alston-Roberts of Raleigh, N.C. and Venore Richard Alston of Garner, N.C. She also leaves a beloved niece, Mable H. Robinson of Durham, N.C., one daughter-in-law, Nettie Alston of Garner, N.C. During this lifetime, Virginia was blessed to have five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren: Edward D. Roberts, III and his wife, Vernessa of Clayton, N.C., Tara Alston of Durham, N.C., La Tasha Alston of Durham, N.C., Rita Michelle Roberts of Raleigh, N.C., Vernetta Alston of Garner, N.C. and Kendra and Erin Alston of Durham, N.C. Virginia also leaves a host of loving nieces, nephews and other relatives too numerous to mention. She will be missed truly by all.





In Memory of this wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt, godmother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, we dedicate this poem.

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#### Always and Forever

Virginia Williamson Alston was an angel in disguise who has finally ascended to her rightful place in Heaven. For some of us letting the physical being go is hard to acknowledge and we would rather be selfish and have her remain on this earth. However, we must all remember that the wicked person dreads death and those who do not believe in God usually fear death. On the other hand, believers desire eternal life and God's Salvation—their hopes will be rewarded. Mrs. Alston has gone to a much better place where she will dwell in peace amongst other good spirits. Therefore, we should never dwell upon the fact that she is no longer with us because the immortality of her love will always live within those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her. Whether Mrs. Alston was known as a mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin or friend we will all have our own special memories of her. Possessing a God-fearing spirit and an inspiration to us all, she was truly a one-of-a-kind lady.

We thank God for her loving grace and patience; as she would always extend her welcoming arms to those in need of comfort. Her love was compassionate, warm, humble, trusting, tolerant and affectionate. Virginia Alston was a pleasant lady who always had something sweet to say or sweet to give whether it was a word of advice or a peppermint. When times were rough and you were feeling down, she would provide you with a hug and say, "just pray." She was a person with high standards who always excelled in whatever she did; and she always helped and encouraged others to do their best. We are all fortunate to have known someone who really upheld the meaning of a "Phenomenal Woman."

She was brought to us as a precious gift from God to touch the hearts of all. A strong yet gentle person, Virginia, has passed on to a place where she will never be subjected to the earthly ailments of pain, suffering or sadness. We must rejoice on this day of her homegoing as she would have wanted. We must be happy and celebrate the joy of her memory always and forever.

My sweet sugar-cake Grandma Gini







Her mind surrenders to Time And her body peacefully rests. Her eyes confess to the fatigue of living As her soul transcends to the celestial sky.

We are not ready.
We are not prepared.
God, are you there?
This is not fair.

We celebrate her life as we reminisce
How congenial, graceful, smart, creative,
Honest, loving, caring and righteous she was
Remember her famous BBQ Chicken,
Fruit jello, cakes or macaroni and cheese?

Our hearts pump with grief, Because we feel betrayed. We are weak with malaise, Since she has left this place.

We should not deplore this love,
Rather we should celebrate.
Because we all have the comfort
In knowing that she is in a place where good health,
Happiness, everlasting love and security reigns forever.
Rejoice in her pleasant memory
Never to forget her many blessings.

#### Order of Service

Prelude

The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Paula Harrell

Selection

Fill My Cup

Senior Choir

Holy Scriptures

Dr. Cathy S. Gilliard

Psalm 23 John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Solo When I've Done My Best Mrs. Margaret Goodwin

Tributes

Mrs. Genester Jackson Ms. Minnie Mae Forte R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

Acknowledgements

Mrs. Vivian Samuels

Selection

In The Garden

Senior Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Thelma M. Battle

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

Senior Choir

Recessional -- When the Saints Go Marching Home

Postlude



Interment
Beechwood Cemetery

Pall Bearers
Deacons and Ushers

Floral Bearers
Deaconesses & Missionaries

Arrangements by





**Fisher Funeral Parlor** 3137 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC 27707

Drivers in the Procession, Please Turn on Your Headlights and Flashers for Safety.

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#### Tributes From Organizations Mrs. Mabel Brown . . . . . . . . . White Rock Baptist Gospel Choir Mrs. W. A. Jackson . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sylvia Williams Missionary Circle Mrs. Violet P. Rogers . . . . . . Tau Gamma Delta Sorority Ms. Sally Jobsis . . . . . . . . . . Durham Human Relations Commission Mrs. Julia Lucas . . . . . . . . . . Volkamenia Club Mrs. Jacqueline Burgess '. . . . . N. C. State Day Care Licensing Office Mrs. Juanita Taylor. . . . . . . N. C. State Department of Public Instruction Mrs. Betty D. Massenburg . . . . . Plum Street Community Mrs. Betty Abramson. . . . . . . Triangle Cities Toast Mistress IV Mrs. Virginia Alston Announcements. . . . . . . . . . Edward D. Roberts, Jr.

Reception in Fellowship Hall

Flowers Kindness of Tucker's Florist

## TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL MOTHER ON HER RETIREMENT



Virginia Williamson Alston

1949

1978

Saturday, June 24, 1978 6:00 P.M.

White Rock Baptist Church Durham, North Carolina

#### MOTHER

To one who bears the sweetest name

And adds a lustre to the same

Who shares our Joys 
Who cheers when sad 
The greatest friend we ever had.

Long life to her for there's no other

Can take the place of our dear

MOTHER



#### **PROGRAM**

#### Mrs. Rita Alston Roberts, Presiding

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Prelude.						•			.Mr. John H. Gattis
Selection							•		.White Rock Baptist Senior Choir
Scripture					•				.Venore R. Alston
Prayer									.Hodgesty V. Alston
Welcome.									.Tara and Latasha Alston
Response.	•	•	•	•					.Mrs. Annette Exum Representing College View Nursery Parents
Solo									.Edward D. Roberts, III
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#### Former Students

Piano Selection Manight Senata. Miss Joan Packenham
Remarks Leonzo Lynch
Remarks Leonzo Lynch Piano Selection Frelude in C Major Miss Jaada Bowens Stor
Remarks
Vocal Solo Mrs. Margaret B. Guy
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ALSTON
Mrs. Virginia Williamson
Alston, 92, died Friday. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Sunday at White Rock

Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St. Family visitation, and minutes



prior to service. Burial, Beechwood Cemetery. Viewing, 1-6 PM today at Fisher Funeral Parlor.

Surviving are a daughter, Rita Alston-Roberts of Raleigh; a son, Vernore Richard Alston (Nettie) of Cary; grandchildren & great grandchildren, Edward D: Roberts III (Vernessa) of Clayton, Tara Alston, LaTasha Alston, Rita Michelle Roberts of Raleigh, Vernette Alston of Cary, Kendra and Erin Alston, niece, Mable H. Robinson. Email to

fisherfp@hotmail.com.

#### RESOLUTION

#### Mrs. VIRGINIA WILLIAMSON ALSTON

To the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Virginia W. Alston.

We, the officers and members of the Sarah E. Smith Sheepfold of White Rock Baptist Church extend to the family, relatives and a host of friends, our sincere and deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one and our staunch and active member before her illness.

WHEREAS, We are today paying a tribute to Virginia, who with her husband, Hodgesty V. Alston, were charter members in early 1956 and became active participants in East College View District (now Sarah E. Smith Sheepfold) of White Rock.

WHEREAS, Hodgesty, Virginia, Rita and "Ricky" Venore opened their home to our meetings and programs whenever called upon. Virginia was known for

having a program of poems and songs from our little folk at Christmastime. She and her family freely participated in the monthly district programs,

WHEREAS, She made her presence and Christian love felt as a member of the church with a smile for everyone. She loved to play the piano and accompany us in song and prayer.

WHEREAS, During here illness, we missed her generosity, friendliness, thoughtfulness and her dependability.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That, even though she was unable to be with us for a number of years, we kept in touch with her as long as we could and kept in touch with the family since then, we were ever mindful of our closeness over the years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, To the family, though her presence will no longer be with us, she will long be remembered by the families and friends in the Sarah E. Smith Sheepfold of White Rock Baptist Church, by the hundreds little folk who were under her kinder care at College View Day Nursery and the parents who appreciated her services as their little ones sang, read, recited and grew.

May we all share these moments with you and may God comfort and sustain you in this great loss and make you know him as the God of all comfort.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah E. Smith Sheepfold, WRBC

Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, President R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Vice President Mrs. Minerva T. Fields, Vice President Mrs. Dorothy S. Farrington, Secretary Mrs. Ruth S. Boyd, Treasurer

cc: To the family

November 24, 2002

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we Thank her too

PALLBEARERS
The Family

FLORAL BEARERS
Friends of the Family

#### Acknowledgment

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the acts of concern and kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.

THE FAMILY

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Durham, North Carolina

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## SERVICE OF MEMORY FOR



Mr. Willie C. Alston

1918 - 1982

Scarborough & Hargett Chapel

Durham, North Carolina

Saturday, March 20, 1982

11:00 A.M.

The Reverend A.B. Bass, Officiating

AMEY

7/8/91

Funeral services for Mrs. Queen Esther (Essie) Sneed Amey, 93, will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Dr. Percy L. High. Burial will be in Beechwood Cemetery. Wake will be held 1 hour prior to service.

Surviving are one sister, Odie McCright of Baltimore; grandson, William A. Amey, III.

The family will be at 1008 Medina Street.

Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

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#### HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

THE DEPARTMENT of MISSIONS, MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

#### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

ROBERT E. BAXTER, JR.

VICTOR PARKER

CLYDE L. COX, JR. EMMETT C. PRATT

ROBERT HARRIS

SYLVESTER SAUNDERS, JR.

FRANK McCREA JOHN W. SMITH

JAIRUS WILSON.

ATTENDANT: MRS. ALICE M. BAXTER

#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

TRUSTEES and DEACONS, MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

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#### Acknowledgment

The Family gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the many acts of kindness shown during the Illness and death of their loved one. They are especially grateful for the cards, telegrams, flowers and other expressions of sympathy and concern-

> Arrangements Bu W. A. AMEY'S FUNERAL SERVICE Funeral Directors 2919 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

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### In Memoriam



William Anderson Amen! Gr. 1900 \_\_\_ 1981

"A LIFE of GOOD WORKS"

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1981 2:00 P.M.

DOCTOR PERCY L. HIGH, Minister

#### Ohituary

Each day begins a brand new year, So you on any day can take a brand new lease on life and put the past away: You need not look for certain days as better than the rest. Today of all the days, is truly, then the best.

William Anderson Amey, Sr., departed this life or Friday August 7, 1981 at his home. He was the thirc child of seven children born to the late Mrs. Mary Scott Amey and Elijah Amey on August 9, 1900 in Durham, North Carolina.

He attended the Public Schools of Durham and was employed with the City Water and Gas Works Departments before opening W. A. Amey Funeral Home in 1933. As a prominent businessman he was active in a number of community organizations including the Durham Business and Professional Chain where he received the Award as outstanding businessman in 1973.

He was a member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church for sixtyone years. He served as Chairman of the Trustee Board for twenty-three years and was active in Mount Vernon Credit Union and the People-Davis Bible Class. He was cited many times by his church and received his last award in 1979. The E. T. Browne Education Building was under his supervision and he personally installed the Water System at Mount Vernon Acres.

He was married to Miss Essie Sneed in September 1924 and to this union a son, the late William Anderson Amey, Jr. was born.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Essie S. Amey of the home; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Amey Thompson, of New York City, N. Y.; one brother, David Amey of Philadelphia, Pa.; one grandson, William A. Amey, III; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruth P. Amey; two brother-in-laws, Marvin Sneed, all of Durham, N. C.; Floyd Lincoln Sneed of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters-inlaw, Mrs. Odiana McCreight of New York City, N.Y. and Mrs. Mary E. Amey of Philadelphia, Pa., two nieces, Mrs. Marie Amey Taylor of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Bessie Mae Cozart of Durham, N. C., one great nephew, Ulysses S. Taylor, IV of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Miss Roney Cozart of Durham, N. C., and many other relatives and friends.

Among his last remarks to his family were "STICK TOGETHER, IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH, IN DIVISION THERE IS WEAKNESS".

"FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT"

THE FAMILY

#### Service Of Memory

THE	PRELUDE	 	Mrs. Ruth McCollum
			And Jesse McCrite

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE HYMN OF PRAISE — "How Tedious and Tasteless The Hours"
Senior Number One

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE -

The Reverend George F. Neal, Pastor, The Covenant Presbyterian Church

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT

SOLO - "I Believe I'll Hide Behind The Mountain" 'Thomas Covinton

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS And RESOLUTIONS –
Mrs. Mary H. Pamplin

REMARKS ...... Dr. Onye E. Akwari

SOLO - "Hold On" ... Thomas Covington

THE MEDITATION ...... Dr. Percy L. High

THE HYMN Of ASSURANCE "It is Well with My Soul" Senior Choir Number One

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE POSTLUDE — "Going Home" . . . . Mrs. Ruth S. McCollum
Jesse McCrite

INTERMENT - IN BEECH OOD CEMETERY