#### MR. CHESTER BOBO JR.

Mr. Chester Arthur Bobo Jr., of 2919 Sprucewood Drive, died Friday, June 24, in UNC Hospitals.

Mr. Bobo was a native of Sardis, Miss., and was a selfemployed tailor.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Greater St. Paul Baptist Church. Burial will be in Beechwood Cemetery.

Mr. Bobo is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alease Hayes Bobo; three daughters, Mrs. Margie H. Jones and Ms. Patricia B. Hopkins, both of Durham, and Miss Bettie L. Bobo of Philadelphia; two sons, Mr. Chester A. Bobo III of Raleigh and Mr. James D. Bobo of Durham; two brothers, Mr. Joe Louis Bobo and Mr. Henry Bobo, both of Memphis, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Ida Mae Danner of Sardis, Miss.; and four grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at the home.

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#### BODDIE

Devon Boddie, 18, of 415 Pilot Street, K-5, died Saturday, June 7, at Duke Medical Center. He was a native of Rocky Mount and was an 11th grade student at Hillside High School.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 11, at 3 p.m. at Hillside High School. Burial



BODDIE

will be in Beechwood Cemetery.

Surviving are his mother, Drema Delores Motley, of the home; his father, Clemon B. Boddie, of

Rocky Mount; his maternal grandmother, Georgia Wilkes, of Durham; his maternal grandfather, Willie Motley, of East Orange, NJ; his paternal grandmother, Lillie Boddie, of Rocky Mount; 2 brothers, Clemon B. Boddie, II, of the home, and Rodney Cooper, of Rocky Mount; 1 sister, Lattisha R. Boddie, of the home; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 10, 7 until 8 p.m. at Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home. Kelly Bryant Collection

# Miss Bohanon, 76, Ex-NCCU Professor

Miss Mary L Bohanon, poet, playwright, teacher, stage director and former professor at N.C. Central University, died Monday night.

Miss Bohanon, 76, was born in Lafayette, Ind., and graduated from Purdue University. She earned her master's degree from the University of Minnesota, where she did further graduate study.

Miss Bohanon taught at a private school in Alabama, at Stephens Lee

school in Alabama, at Stephens Lee High School in Asheville and at Tuskegee Institute before joining what was then North Carolina Col-lege in 1948 as the head of a newly formed draws department. She formed drama department. She taught in the dramatic arts department for 17 years, then moved to the department of English as an assistant professor. She retired in 1975.

Miss Bohanon rose early each morning—usually before dawn—to sit with her yellow legal pads, pencils, dictionary and tape recorder to write her poems. After commiting the work to paper, she read each poem into her tape recorder.

Miss Bohanon published two volumes of poetry before her retirement from NCCU, Poems and Character Sketches in 1968, and Earth Bosom and Collected Poems in 1973. She also wrote at least one unpublished novel, and had two of her plays produced on the amateur stage.

In 1973, Miss Bohanon taught the first creative writing class formally

first creative writing class formally organized at NCCU. Members of the class included college age students and older adults, including members of the faculty. To give the students experience at publication, Miss Bohanon started a column in the Durham weekly, the Carolina Times. Most of the class members had a poem printed in that column.
One student in the first class had

two poems selected for an anthology, and five members of the class conducted a poetry corner at a Chapel Hill High School Humanities Festival. A year later, four of her students had works selected for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

As a stage director, Miss Boha-

non directed successful productions for more than a decade at NCCU, including works by Shakespeare and Shaw. Her acting students included actor-director Ivan Dixon and jazz drummer Grady Tate.

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She also directed plays for Durham's Children's Theater and for the Durham Theater Guild. In 1970 she directed, at the request of Durham's Women in Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes, the first N.C. production of Elizabeth Blake's The Man Nobody Saw, a play based directly on the controversial Kerner Commission report on racism in America.

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Miss Bohanon was the daughter of a poor family. She expressed pride in a mixed ancestry which included former slaves, an Africanborn grandmother who taught her-self to read, American Indians, and Scots. Her father left Tennessee hidden in a haywagon after an al-tercation over a 5-cent newspaper. In Indiana, he worked days as fore-man of a road-building crew, then he and his family cleaned a seven-floor office building at night. "We all worked," Miss Bohanon told the *Durham Morning Her-*ald's Betty Hodges in 1975. "My three brothers did the mopping in

the small offices, my father mopped the halls, my mother did the carpet-

ing, and I did the toilet bowls, because I could reach them."

Miss Bohanon was a precocious child. She read avidly and could downer multiplication tables before she entered school at age 5½. She entered Purdue at the age of 16, and had written her (unpublished) first

novel before she graduated.

The body has been cremated. A memorial will be held later.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NCCU Foundation.

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#### BOLDEN

Funeral services for James Sloan Bolden, 85, of 1111 Elmira Ave., will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Asbury Temple United Methodist Church, 201 S. Alston Ave., the Rev. Shane Benjamin officiating. Family visitation, one hour prior to service. Burial, Glennview Memorial Park. Viewing, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. to-day at Fisher Funeral Parlor.



He retired after 41 years with North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co. as an agency director. He was a World War II Army veteran and a longtime member of

Asbury Temple United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Ruby F. Bolden; daughter, Mavis B. Boyd (Roosevelt); sisters-in-law, Eunice Williams (Jide), of Atlanta, and Ruth Bolden; brother-in-law, James Simpson (McRee), of Fayette-ville; and nephew, George Bolden (Carolyn).

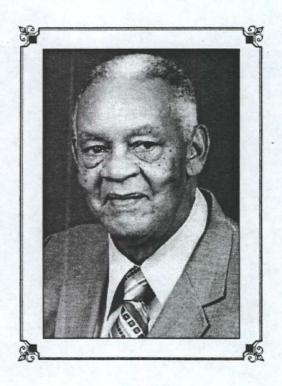
You may also e-mail condolences to fisherfp@netscape.net.

## A Service of Death and Resurrection

For

Mr. James Sloan Bolden

March 20, 1915 - February 16, 2001



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2001 1 P.M. Family Visitation - Noon - 1 P.M.

ASBURY TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 201 South Alston Avenue Durham, North Carolina

Reverend Shane Benjamin, Pastor, Officiating

## James Sloan Bolden

JAMES S. BOLDEN, son of the late George W. And Lottie W. Bolden, was born in Union, South Carolina. He departed this life on Friday, February 16, 2001 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina. He was married to his wife, Ruby Fisher Bolden, for 46 years.

Mr. Bolden was educated in the Union, South Carolina Public Schools where he graduated in 1934. He graduated from Claffin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina in 1938. He did further study at New York University. He also received many certificates and certifications from the Life Insurance Underwriters Association Training Institute.

Mr. Bolden was a World War II Army veteran and served his country on active duty from July 12, 1943 until December 19, 1945.

Following the legacy of his father and older brother, Mr. Bolden was an employee of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, where he began his career in the Spartanburg District in South Carolina. He served this company with distinction for 44 years in various capacities. Upon his retirement, he was Agency Secretary and Assistant to the Agency Director at the Home Office. In his various capacities and as an officer in the company, he trained and influenced many employees, instilling loyalty and dedication. His contribution to the direction and growth of the company was with distinction. He retired as an officer of the company in 1982

Mr. Bolden was a very active member of his community. He influenced the lives of many young people in the community and was always willing to lend support and give them a hand. He was active in community and social clubs that brought people together.

He was a very active member of the Asbury Temple United Methodist Church. He served as Trustee, Treasurer, President of the United Methodist Men, Delegate to the Annual Conference and in many other positions, His church was central to his life.

Much like his late father, he often referred to his four loves, his family, his church, North Carolina Mutual Life insurance Company and Claffin College. He devoted much of his time, energy and resources to building these institutions.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, his wife of 46 years, Mrs. Ruby F. Bolden of the home; a daughter, Mavis Bolden Boyd and her husband, Roosevelt of Durham, North Carolina; a nephew, George Bolden and his wife, Carolyn and their daughters, Lynn Bolden and Leslie Bolden of Durham, North Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Bolden of Durham, North Carolina and Eunice Williams and her husband, Alex of Atlanta, Georgia; a brother-in-law, James Simpson and his wife, Mcree of Fayetteville, North Carolina; other nephews and nieces, Donald Fisher and his wife, Wesley of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jocelyn Vincent and her husband, James "Butch" Vincent of Virginia, Ruben Simpson of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Pierre Williams of Atlanta, Georgia and Annetta Williams of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of other relatives and friends.

We will greatly miss the presence of our loved one, but his imprints and contributions will be with us Forever.

## **Order** of Service

GATHERING

THE WORD OF GRACE

Rev. Lawrence Johnson

GREETING

\*HYMN

When We Are Living

No. 356

PRAYER

Rev. Albert Shuler

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 40:28-31** 

\*PSALTER

Psalm 23

No. 754

ACT OF PRAISE

Spirit Song

Sounds of Zion

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Romans 8:18, 22-39** 

ACT OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

Mrs. Gloria McAuley

\*GOSPEL LESSON - John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

**SERMON** 

Rev. Shane Benjamin No. 383

\*HYMN NAMING This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Miss LaNella Smith

WITNESS

Harriet Wright (Lay Leader, Asbury Temple UMC) Ben Taylor (United Methodist, Men, Asbury Temple UMC) L. C. Ulmer (North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company) Mary Young (Community Club)

\*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

No. 707

\*THE APOSTLES CREED

No. 881

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mrs. Theodorea Berry

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Shane Benjamin

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 526

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Interment

Glennview Memorial Park, Apex Highway, Durham, North Carolina 27707

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Former Co-workers
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company

### Honorary Pallbearers

Therapeutic Club United Methodist Men Charms

#### Moral Bearers

United Methodist Women Charmalettes Social Club Iota Phi Lambda Sorority

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A million times we will miss you, A million times we will cry;
If love alone could have saved you, you would have never died.
In life, we loved you dearly, In death we will love you still;
In our hearts you hold a place, no one else could ever fill.
The Golden Gate stood open, God saw you needed rest,
God's garden must be beautiful, For He always picks the best.
The Family

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## Acknowledgement

The BOLDEN family would like to express its appreciation for the comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and expressions of kindnesses, sympathy and love.

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#### ~ Acknowledgement ~

We, the family, gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the many acts of love, kindness and concern extended to us during the illness and loss of our dearly beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. It has been a great blessing and comfort to know that you cared.

May God continue to richly bless each of you.



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In Loving Memory of

## RUTH YOUNG BOLDEN

(November 6, 1914 - February 22, 2001)



Monday, February 26, 2001 1:00 P.M.

St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church 2521 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

The Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Jr., Pastor
Officiating Minister



## ~ The Order of Service ~

PRELUDE	Mr. Fred Mason, Jr., Organist
PROCESSIONAL	Musical Interlude
HYMN #68"How Great Thou	The Senior Choir Art"
SCRIPTURESOld Testament - Psa New Testament - John	alm 23
PRAYER	The Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Jr.
HYMN #435	The Senior Choir parrow"
REFLECTIONS:  Ladies Aid Society  North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance of Rho Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority  Friend	Co Mrs. Glenda Small Inc Mrs. Phyllis Shumate
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Mr. Paul Williams
OBITUARY	Please Read Silently
HYMN #84	
EULOGY Put the Tongt Doda Roy	The Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Jr.
IOTA PHI LAMBDA HYMN	Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
MORTICIAN'S BRIEF	The Funeral Director
RECESSIONAL	Musical Interlude
POSTLUDE	Mr. Fred Mason, Jr., Organist

#### ~ Interment ~

Beechwood Cemetery 3300 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Your Bright Headlights And Flashers For Safety.

## ~ The Obituary ~

Ruth Young Bolden, daughter of Scott Young and Ida Tolliver Young, was born November 6, 1914 in Fairfield County, South Carolina and departed this life on February 22, 2001.

She received her education in Spartanburg, South Carolina Public Schools and a business degree from Western N.C.C. Business School in Asheville, North Carolina.

In 1935, she married the late W.W. Bolden. To this union, one son, George Whitley was born. They were married for 59 years.

Mrs. Bolden retired from North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1978, as Assistant to the Treasurer, after thirty-six years of service. As an active and faithful member of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church, she served on the Trustee Board, the Building Committee, and the Ladies Aid Society. She was also a member of the Rho Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated and served as a volunteer at the Lincoln Community Health Center.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, George W. Bolden and daughter-in-law, Carolyn Bolden; two granddaughters, Lynn and Lesley Bolden; two sisters-in-law, Ruby F. Bolden and Nancy Young; a devoted niece, Ida Franks and other nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and dear friends.

We will greatly miss the presence of our loved one, but her style, grace and loving personality will be with us forever.



#### ~ Death Came Quietly ~

Death came quietly, and gave me gentle sleep,
To those that I leave behind, please don't you weep;
The good Lord giveth, and at times, He takes away,
Nothing on His earth, is forever here to stay.
Rejoice now and celebrate, the life He gave to me,
All things that happen, are surely meant to be.
When I was alive, you were all so dear,
If you just remember the good times,
You'll feel that I am near.
It's times like these, that weigh heavy on the heart,

It's times like these, that weigh heavy on the heart, Put a smile on your face, and make a brand new start. Family and friends I loved, please don't you weep, Death came quietly, and gave me gentle sleep.

The Family

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EULOGY	The Reverend John Burton, Pastor St. Paul A. M. E. Church Chapel Hill, North Carolina
HYMN"Phi Beta	
RECESSIONAL	Musical Interlude
POSTLUDE	Mr. Fred Mason

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#### In Memoriam

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But when we saw you sleeping, So peaceful and free from pain; How could we wish you back with us; To suffer that again?

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