

A Homegoing Celebration of Love

For

Mrs. Ella Louise Rone Parrish

*"God saw the road had gotten rough with hills too hard to climb so,
He gently closed her weary eyes and whispered "Peace Be Thine"*

Sunrise

February 21, 1948



Sunset

September 25, 2009

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Two O'clock p.m.

Mt. Sinai AME Church

176 Chatham Street
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Rev. Randolph Phillip Lynch, Pastor, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Opening Selection.....Mt. Sinai Senior Choir
"These Old Heavy Burdens"

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Troy Harrison
Pastor, St. Joseph CME Church
Chapel Hill, NC

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT.....Rev. Robert Campbell

NEW TESTAMENT.....Rev. Robert Bland

Solo.....Mrs. Jennifer Evans
"I Won't Complain"

Condolences and Acknowledgements.....Dr. Karla Eanes

Resolution.....Mrs. Helen Ann Dark

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Special Tribute.....Mr. Jacobi Eaves

Obituary (read silently)

Solo.....Mrs. Jennifer Evans
"Wind Beneath My Wings"

Eulogy.....Rev. Randolph P. Lynch

Recessional.....Mt. Sinai Senior Choir
"Soon and Very Soon"

Interment

Pittsboro Cemetery
Pittsboro, North Carolina

To everything there is a reason
And a time to every purpose under the heaven.
A time to be born, and a time to die.
“Baby” I will never forget
the love that we shared.
You brought me such joy and happiness.
But I know where you’ve gone
The gates of Heaven will now be your home.
Love,
George “Baby”

Tribute

“Deep in Our Heart”
Happy little memories
Go flitting through our minds
And in all our thoughts and memories
We always seem to find
The picture of your face
The memory of your touch
And all the other little things
We’ve come to treasure so much
You cannot go beyond our thoughts
Or leave our love behind
Because we keep you in our hearts
And forever on our minds.

The Family

Dear Wife, Sister, Aunt, Friend, and last but not least Mother!

This is one of the hardest letters that I will have to write in my life. This ranks over any college research paper that has ever been assigned to me. Even though I am writing this as your son, nephew, and friend, I am also writing this on the behalf of the many lives that you have touched during your lifespan. I am sure that these sentiments that you are about to hear are shared by a plethora of people. One of the early principles that we all learn coming up in school is that there are three tenses: past, present, and future. I think that we can all say that your existence is and will continue to prove two of these tenses true, while extinguishing one of them.

Being able to know you is and will continue to be a privilege to all of us. Whenever we walk into a room and you are present your smile brightens up the place. Every photo that has been taken of you captures your smile. There seems that there has never been a sad day in your life. This is why the tears that may come from this letter are not tears of sorrow, but tears of joy because we know that is what you want.

You are a significant role figure who anyone can call on in their time of need no matter the circumstances. That can easily be talking about what ingredients are needed to cook something or how Carolina barely scraped past Duke. Either way you always keep a smile on your face. You are that mother who can solve the easiest and hardest of problems. You are the aunt who is able to bring the whole family together through the hardest of times. You are the sister who is the matriarch of the family and knows that your siblings will always listen to what you have to say. You are the friend that goes above and beyond the call of duty. You are the wife that any man dreams of marrying.

Through the countless number of years you continue to touch the lives of so many. You will never be gone from your family and friends. You are and still will be with us no matter what. It has been hard to encounter those who you have come into contact with and not see a little bit of your qualities implemented in their day to day life. That is the Ella Parrish that we all have come to know and love. Your life is not over, but just beginning! You are going to be an angel in God's kingdom just like you are here on Earth. Your life will continue to touch generations of our family and your friends through their children and their children and so on. You stated that you have done everything that you have ever wanted to do in your lifetime. Your life is a prototype of what we should model ours after.

That is why we as your family and friends can acknowledge that you have eliminated the past tense. We will continue to only speak of you in the present and future tense because you are still with us on our everyday journey. There will be a day that we will meet you on the other side. So thank you for everything you are doing now with us and will continue to do with us.

Love,
Family and Friends

Obituary

"Precious Lord take my hand...I am tired, I am weak, I am worn"... On Friday, September 25, 2009, God took the hand of Ella Louise Rone Parrish, also known as "E" and led her home.

Ella was the 7th of 11 children born to the late Emma Rone on February 21, 1948 in Chatham County, North Carolina. She entered into eternal rest on Friday, September 25 at her home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In 1977, she met and married George Parrish.

Ella has been a member of Mt. Sinai Church all of her life and served faithfully until her health failed. She was a member of the Trustee Board and the Kitchen Committee. She served as President of the Usher Board for many years, a job that she took very seriously.

Ella attended Horton High School and graduated in the class of 1966. She also attended Durham Technical Institute. Her favorite past time was shopping, especially for antiques, cooking, and decorating.

Ella retired from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where she worked in the School of Nursing as a SPA Specialist for 30 years.

One word can describe the life of this special lady and that word is "Love"; the love that she had for her husband of 32 years, George; her sisters, Mary, Rose (Paul), Rosa, Pearl; brothers, Lonnie (Phyllis), Walter, Wiley Mel; Godson, TJ; a sister-in-law Louise Felix of Chapel Hill, NC; a special nephew, Sam Rone, and a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Preceding her in death were brothers Robert Sr., Joseph and sister, Helen. Ella shared a special bond with her nephew, Jacobi, who she thought of as her son. She also had a very dear friend and cousin in Margaret Bynum.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of many other family and friends who loved her.

Ella, we love you, but God loved you best.

*"Sometimes it's hard to understand why certain things must be,
But there is a reason for it all beyond our power to see,
And may it comfort us a bit to know the one we love has found
Eternal happiness and lasting peace above"*



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness to us during Ella's illness and passing; those of you who prayed, sent cards of well wishes and your visits. Special thanks to UNCH Gynecology Department, Hospice, and Faye Garrett. From our hearts, we thank you sincerely. May God Bless you Always!

THE FAMILY

The family will fellowship with relatives and friends here at the church immediately after the interment.

...Drivers in the Procession...

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