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*I must go, but you'll be  
alright.*

*For forty-four years we have  
been together*

*As a result one child and two  
grandchildren*

*May the love of God sustain  
You and the peace of God be  
with you*

*We have shared pain and joy*

*We have won some, we have lost some*

*We have a marvelous legacy of love  
and joy that we shall cherish forever  
for that, Mattie, we are thankful.*

*Love,  
J. P.*

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### *Active Casket Bearers*

Members of Oakland Masonic Lodge #501

### *Honorary Casket Bearers*

Ministers of the Sanford District

### *Active Floral Bearers*

Eastern Stars - Oakland #501

### *Honorary Floral Bearers*

Minister's Wives of the Sanford District

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### *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for every act of kindness shown them during their hour of sorrow. Your cards, flowers, food, contributions and prayers will always be remembered.

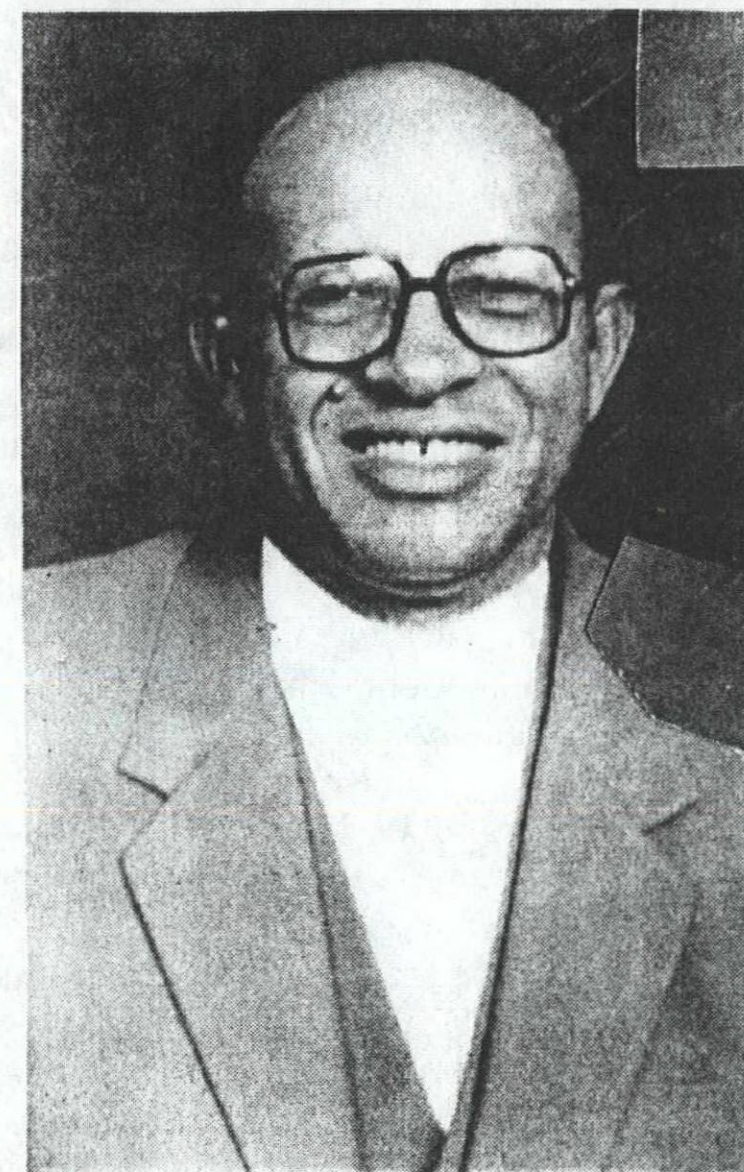
- The Family

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*Service Entrusted to:*

**FARRAR & FARRAR FUNERAL HOME**  
Siler City, North Carolina

### *Eulogistic Services for Rev. J. P. Godfrey*



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998  
2:00 P. M.

**OLIVERS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH**  
Staley, North Carolina

Rev. Gene A. Horton, *Pastor*  
Dr. Ocie M. Brown, *Officiating*



## Obituary

**REV. J. P. GODFREY**, the son of the late W. D. and Mary Matthews Godfrey, was born September 1, 1928 in Ramseur, North Carolina.

He attended the Chatham County Schools, and did further study at Randolph Community College, Asheboro, North Carolina.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Oakland Number 501 Masonic Lodge, Ramseur, North Carolina, where he served as former Chaplain and present Junior Warden.

He retired from Gregson Furniture Company of Liberty, North Carolina.

At an early age he joined Pine Hill United Church of Christ, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent, President of the Usher Board, served on the Deacon Board, and former choir member. He later moved his membership to Olivers Chapel AME Zion Church, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent, a trustee and Senior Choir President. He was elected President of the Community Against Drugs Organization (CAD) of Staley, North Carolina in September 1997.

He entered into Christian ministry and preached his initial sermon at Olivers Chapel AME Zion Church on August 18, 1967. He has pastored the following churches: Russells Chapel AME Zion Church, Pittsboro, NC, Mt. View AME Zion Church, Moncure, NC, New Endland AME Zion Church, Osgood, NC, Macedonia AME Zion Church, Gulf, NC, St. Paul AME Zion Church, Cumnock, NC, St. Matthews AME Zion Church, Pittsboro, NC, Centennial AME Zion Church, Bear Creek, NC, Love Grove AME Zion Church,

West End, NC, Marsh Chapel AME Zion Church, Jackson Springs, NC, Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church, Goldston, NC, and Mt. Herman AME Zion Church, Goldston, NC.

He was currently pastoring Mt. Zion AME Zion Church, Carthage, NC.

Rev. Godfrey was very active on the Sanford District and the Central North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Mattie Jewel Brown of Staley, NC on June 26, 1954. To this union one son was born.

His survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Mattie Brown Godfrey of the home; one son, Nathan Godfrey, Staley, NC; one grandson, Bryan Godfrey, Broadway, NC; one daughter-in-law, Teresa Godfrey, Staley, NC; one step-grandson, Andrew Williams, Staley, NC; one brother, Elder Clyde Godfrey, Stamford, CT; three sisters, Ms. Blanie Godfrey, Winnemucca, NV, Mrs. Hattie Jane Alston, Bridgeport, CT, and Mrs. Donnie Dalton, Greensboro, NC; mother-in-law, Mrs. Naoma Brown, Staley, NC; one brother-in-law, Mr. James Dalton, Greensboro, NC; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Doris Dark, Staley, NC, Mrs. Ada Coble, Greensboro, NC, and Mrs. Wilma McCall, Springfield, MA; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



## The Order of Service

OPENING HYMN #243.....*"Blessed Assurance"*

SCRIPTURE.....Dr. Milton Williams  
Presiding Elder, Laurinburg District  
Central North Carolina Conference

PRAYER.....Dr. S. J. Farrar, Presiding Elder  
Durham District  
Central North Carolina Conference

DUET.....Mrs. Irene Gilmore and Ruth Brower  
*"I Have a Friend"*

REMARKS:  
Central North Carolina Conference - Dr. William  
Freeman, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville District

Sanford District - Rev. Reginald Swann, Pastor  
Fair Promise AME Zion Church

Olivers Chapel AME Zion Church - Rev. Gene  
Horton, Pastor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....Rev. Judy C. Bowden  
Pastor, Love Grove AME Zion Church  
West End, NC

SOLO.....Ms. Gail Hodges  
*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

PRESENTATION OF THE  
BISHOP.....Dr. Ocie M. Brown  
Presiding Elder of Sanford District

EULOGIST.....Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.  
Presiding Prelate, Central North Carolina  
Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Zion  
Church

SELECTION.....*"I Am Redeemed"*

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT.....Olivers Chapel Cemetery  
Staley, NC