

Floral Bearers

Nieces
Members of the
Missionary and Mother's Board

Pall Bearers

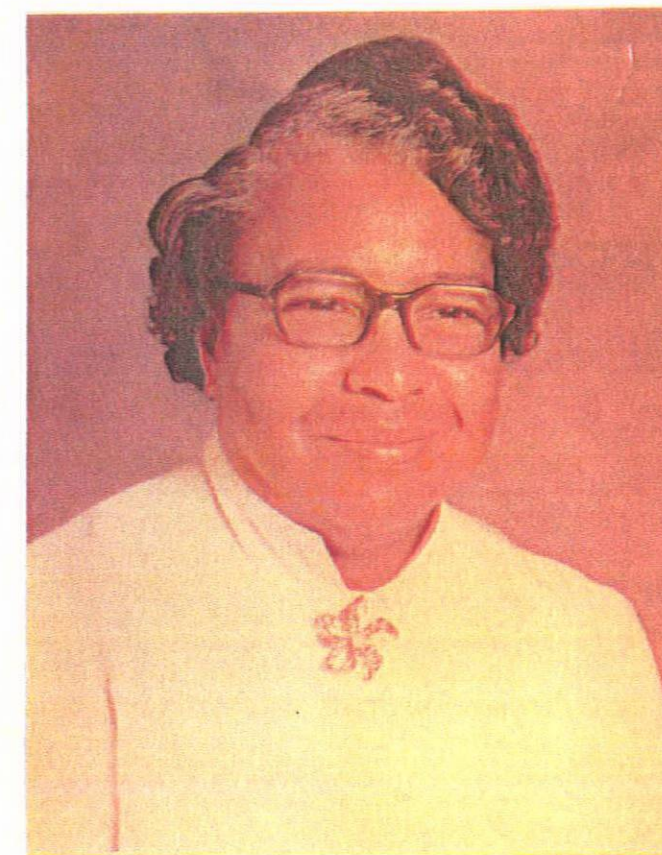
Nephews
Cousins

Acknowledgement

We wish to acknowledge the many acts and words of comfort
and kindness during this time of bereavement.
Your many heartfelt prayers are continually appreciated.
Our special thanks also are extended to the staff of Cam-
bridge Hills Assisted Living Facility and Duke Community
Hospice.
The Family

Knotts Funeral Home
Pittsboro, NC
919-542-6180
Chapel Hill, NC
968-7780

Service of Triumph For



Mother Rena French Alston

Sunrise
February 10, 1913

Sunset
February 22, 2005

Friday, February 25, 2005
1:00 p.m.

Alston Chapel U.H.C.
1832 Alston Chapel Road
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Rev. Kenneth Brooks
Officiating

Order of Service

- PRELUDE
- PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy & Family
- SELECTION.....Omega Gospel Choir
- SCRIPTURES
Old Testament (Psalm 91 & Proverbs 31).....Rev. Marie Mann
Pastor, Cathedral of Hope, Chapel Hill, NC
New Testament (St. John 14:1-6).....Rev. Annie B. Dark
Pittsboro, NC
- PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. David Scotten
Pastor Harris Grove M.B.C., Siler City, NC
- SELECTION.....Omega Gospel Choir
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Rev. Sarah J. Hill
- OBITUARY *Read Silently*
- REFLECTIONS/TRIBUTES *3 Min. Limit*
- SELECTION.....Omega Gospel Choir
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
- EULOGY.....Elder Carrie H. Bolton
Pastor, Alston Chapel U.H.C.
- SELECTION.....Omega Gospel Choir
- MORTICIANS BRIEF
- RECESSIONAL
- INTERMENT.....Mitchell's Chapel AME Zion Church
Pittsboro, North Carolina

~Drivers in procession, please drive with headlights on for safety~

Obituary

Mother Rena French Alston, daughter of the late Columbus and Lillie French, was born on February 10, 1913 in Chatham County and departed this life on February 22, 2005 at the home of her granddaughter, Lavonda Cheek, in Orange County.

In August 1933, she married the late Henry Baker Alston (who preceded her in death). They were blessed with two children.

Mother Alston joined Alston Chapel U.H.C. at an early age and by age 23 had given God full charge over her life. In 1962 she was officially called into the ministry and was later ordained as a minister in the United Holy Church.

During her walk on this earth, she touched the lives of many individuals. She gave unselfishly and untiringly throughout the years helping her husband to manage a small farm, caring for her mother and even opening up her home to others. She worked for a few years in the Chatham County School System doing what she enjoyed-cooking; but her calling was to be a homemaker and be available to those who would stop by for prayer, counseling, healing or a bite to eat (chicken stew). Her ministry was not confined to the church, it extended well into the community and at the age of 80 plus, Mother Alston rejoined the workforce at Mary Neal Child Care Center as a cook but more so as a beacon of light in the eyes of many preschoolers. She would sing songs of comfort during naptime and even rock a few to sleep.

Reverend Mother Rena Alston never slumbered when it came to her work in the church. Before her failing health forced her to stop driving, Mother Alston rarely missed a church service. She was faithful and diligent as a Sunday School teacher, assistant pastor, adult choir member, president of the Adult Missionaries and the Alston-Mitchell Chapel Bible Band and a member of the Mother's Board.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Kenneth Russell Alston (Elizabeth) of Moncure, NC; one daughter, Mary Alston Moffitt of Chapel Hill, NC. She also leaves to celebrate her memory four granddaughters, Frita Fairley Pineda of Pittsboro, NC, Lavonda Renea Cheek of Chapel Hill, NC, Bendetta Quantrice Cheek of Atlanta, GA and Stephanie Clark Forbes of Durham, NC; five great-grandchildren, Kierra Mikel Cheek, Tyler Alexander Fairley, Mallory Olivia-Nicole Pineda, Caleb Julius Forbes and Joshua Allen Forbes; two sisters, Mother Rosa Headen and Lillian Alston both of Chapel Hill, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

*You were faithful, you were true
You did all you could do, so rest momma. We love you!*



I Leave It Up To You

Dedicated to my Nana

*You have brought me through hard and rough times
When I thought I couldn't succeed,
you helped me to achieve all of my dreams.
Without you, I would be lost,
With nowhere to turn or any sense of direction.
But you led me as you said you would.
You promised me I would be able to lie down in
green pastures, be led by still waters, be comforted by
your rod and your staff and sat in front of a table
prepared for me in front of my enemies.
So from now until the day my body leaves this earth
and my soul forever lives in Heaven,
I will serve you forever.
Thank you God!*

*By, Keirra M. Cheek
Great-granddaughter*