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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
The family wishes to express to their many friends, heartfelt appreciation for every expression of sympathy shown during the sad hours of bereavement. These expressions will be a solace in the lonely days that lie ahead. May God bless each of you.

The Family

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Celebrating the Life

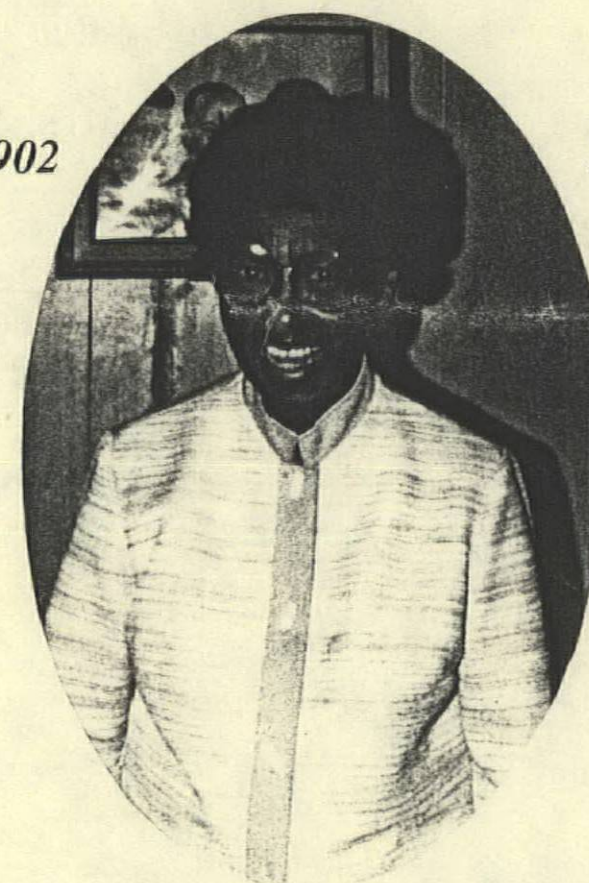


MRS. MARY ANN EMERSON ALSTON



Sunrise
January 16, 1902

Sunset
September 23, 1997



Saturday, September 27, 1997
2:00 P. M.

Evans Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
Siler City, North Carolina 27344

Reverend Ridie Headen, Pastor,
Dr. E. J. Alston, Officiant

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Hymn "What A Friend"

Scripture Old Testament: Psalms 46:1-11
Reverend L. D. Jones
New Testament: St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn "Come Ye Disconsolate"

Acknowledgements Mrs. Mary A. Peoples

Obituary(*read silently*)

Remarks Mr. Joe Daniel Johnson
Reverend Theodore Tyson

Solo Mrs. Naomi McCrimmon

Eulogy *2:10-8 V* Dr. E. J. Alston

Recessional *Re 2/14 V*

Interment
Evans Chapel Cemetery
Siler City, NC

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Ann Emerson Alston was born January 16, 1902 in Chatham County, North Carolina, to the late John and Henrietta Emerson. She departed this life on September 23, 1997, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Emerson was educated in the Chatham County Public School System. At an early age, she joined Evans Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, where she served as member of the Usher Board, Secretary of Supply of the Missionary Department, and Sunday School Teacher.

She was united in matrimony to the late Romie Odell Alston. To this union, two children were born. Later, she united in matrimony to the late Edgar W. Alston. To this union, three children were born. one daughter, Thailia Jackson preceded her in death.

Her life will be remembered by her children: Paul O. Alston, Siler City, N.C., Lovelia Edwards, Chapel Hill, N.C., Catherine Debose, San Diego, Ca, Elaine Knight, Siler City, N.C.; two sisters, Sara Alston, Chester, Pa., Connie Alston, Philadelphia, Pa.; thirteen grand, fourteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; four sister-in-laws and many other relatives and friends.

A MESSAGE FROM "MOM"
*I am home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder, I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but "Jesus" loves illumined Every
dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with "Jesus" arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt of dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh! the rapture of that meeting,
Oh! the joy to see you come!*
