

*A Celebration of Life and Homegoing  
Of  
Ethel Phillips Alston*

*Sunrise  
April 6, 1913*

*Sunset  
April 8, 2003*



*Saturday, April 12, 2003  
11:00 a.m.*

*Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church  
Mitchell Chapel Road  
Pittsboro, NC*

*Rev. Kenneth C. Brooks, Officiating*



*~~Order of Service~~*

*Processional*

*Hymn – 161*

*Choirs of Mitchell Chapel Church*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Rev. James Canty*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament:*

*Psalms 90:1-12 Rev. Mark Royster*

*New Testament:*

*St. John 14: 1-14*

*Selection*

*“Jesus is Coming”*

*Remarks*

*Rev. James Canty*

*(2 minutes each please)*

*Rev. Mark Royster*

*Acknowledgments &  
Condolences*

*Phyllis Royster*

*Obituary*

*(Read Silently)*

*Selection*

*“That Other Shore”*

*Eulogy*

*Rev. Kenneth Brooks*

*Recessional*

*~Interment~*

*Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery*





## *~~The Obituary~~*

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" II Timothy 4:6-8*

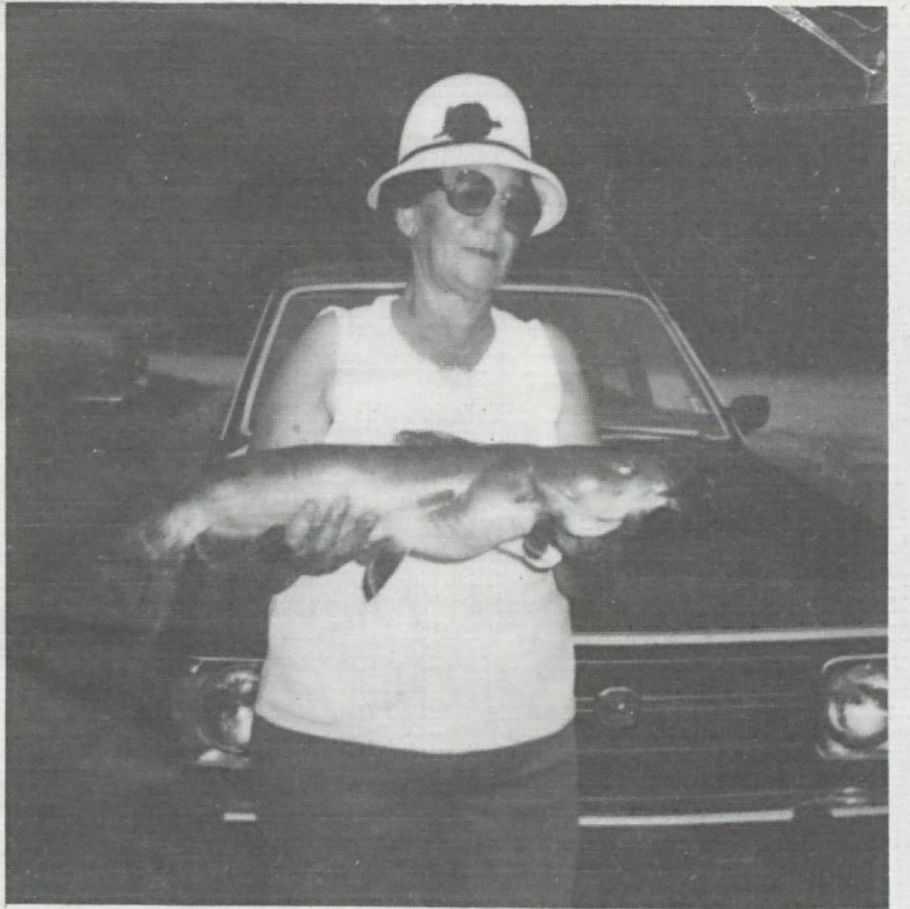
*Ethel Phillips Alston was born April 6, 1913 in Wake County, North Carolina to Adam and Mary Lou Phillips. She was united in holy matrimony to Rev. Julious Alston. To this union 5 children were born. She is preceded in death by a daughter, Elsie F. Barbee, a son, Milton Frederick Alston, and 5 brothers and 1 sister.*

*She was very active with her family, friends, and Mitchell Chapel Church until her health failed.*

*She leaves to cherish her memory, Mary Lou Riggsbee (Walter, deceased of Cary), Yvonne A. Howard of Chapel Hill (Charles), and Julia J. Alston of the home, 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Connie Farrar and Epsie Ratliff.*















Do not stand at my grave and weep  
 I am not there, I do not sleep.  
 I am a thousand winds that blow;  
 I am the diamond glints on snow  
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain!  
 I am the gentle autumn's rain  
 When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
 I am the swift uplifting rush  
 Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
 I am the soft star that shines at night.  
 Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
 I am ant there; I did not die.





# BRING ME ALL YOUR FLOWERS NOW

I would rather have a single rose  
 From the garden of a friend,  
 Than have the choicest flowers,  
 When my stay on earth must end.  
 I would rather have the kindest words  
 Which may now be said to me.  
 Than flattered when my heart is still-  
 And this life has ceased to be.  
 I would rather have a loving smile  
 From the friends I know are true,  
 Than tears shed 'round my casket,  
 When this world I've bade adieu!  
 Bring me all your flowers,  
 Whether pink or white or red.  
 I'd rather have one blossom now  
 Than a truckload when I'm DEAD!

R.D. Richards



**Pall Bearers**

*Trustees of Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church and  
Terrell's AME Zion Chapel Church*

**Floral Bearers**

*Missionaries & Friends of the Family*

**Ushers**

*Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church*

**Acknowledgment**

*The family expresses its gratitude and  
appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to  
us during the illness and passing of our loved one.*

*God bless each of you.*

*~The Family~*

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