

*Homegoing Celebration
for
Mrs. Alease B. Burnette*

Sunrise 1917 — Sunset 1998



Services

**Saturday, May 2, 1998
1:00 PM**

*Hamlet Chapel CME Church
2855 Hamlet Chapel Road
Pittsboro, North Carolina*

Reverend Jeremiah Isaac, Pastor,
Officiating

A Celebration of Life

In life every now and then, if we are lucky, we meet special people or individuals who make us think broader, climb higher, and reach farther. Alease Burnette was such a person. Alease, the twelfth child of the late Abraham and Wescott Burnette, was born on November 17, 1917 in Chatham County. She was educated in Chatham and Orange County public schools.

"A," as she was affectionately called, established a relationship with Christ early in life, becoming a member of Hamlet Chapel C.M.E. Church. Her Christian and personal lives intertwined when she was joined in holy matrimony on October 20, 1937 to Ezekiel Isaiah Burnette. To this union, two daughters, Annie and Barbara, were born.

"A"'s family life enhanced her Christian stewardship as she continued to serve faithfully in her church. She was a dutiful church worker, serving unstintingly as President of the Willing Workers Club and a member of the Usher Board. She was the life and breath of the Stewardess Board, serving as President for seventeen consecutive years. Her fellow church members were accustomed to seeing her in place and working for the Lord until her health declined. Still, her thoughts turned frequently to the church, to her love of God, and to thoughts of her fellow Christians.

"A" was employed for twenty-eight years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a presser at the laundry. In addition to her

Tribute



Mother,

How special you are!

Your life has touched ours in so many ways.

*Through your words and actions you have
shown your deep abiding love.*

*Not with emotional outbursts but with
smiles.*

*Not with harsh words but with firmness and
understanding.*

Not with force but with gentleness.

*Because of your rich faith in Jesus Christ you
have led us to find His reality in our lives. You
have been a comforter, an encourager, a friend.*

*It is your kind example that has taught
us compassion and caring, to walk in His way.
Life is more precious because of the memories
you leave with us today.*

Your Daughters,

Ann and Barbara

regular job, she was involved in numerous community activities: financial secretary for the Graham Street wreath fund, organizer of a community youth softball team, and neighborhood representative for many social agencies.

She was a shoulder of support for her siblings — devoting her time, energy, and love. As the center of unity for her family, her home was the site at which all her relatives usually gathered. Always willing to give whatever she had, she was as well known for her radiant smile as she was for her more tangible gifts.

Early on the evening of April 28, 1998, on the wings of an angel, Alease took flight and returned to her heavenly home.

She leaves to cherish loving memories her husband of sixty years, Ezekiel Isaiah Burnette; two daughters: Annie B. Hargett (Hubert) of Durham, NC, and Barbara B. Atwater (James) of Charlotte, NC; a god-child: Laresia J. Farrington of Durham, NC; three grandchildren: Myscha L. Yeager and Hugh Burnette Hargett of Durham, NC, and Byron Keith Atwater of Charlotte, NC; two great-grandchildren: Wesley Hargett and Corbyn Raikes of Durham, NC; four sisters: Jemima Baldwin and Elma McCauley of Chapel Hill, Jeanette Norwood and Nettie Nickerson of Chatham County; eighteen nieces, ten nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude Rev. Darryl R. Williams

Family Processional

Opening Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"*

Prayer Rev. J. H. Cotton

Scriptures

Psalm 34: 1-4

Dr. J. R. Manley

11 Timothy 4: 6-8

Rev. Irene Clodfelter

Solo Mrs. Cassandra Durham
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Acknowledgements Mrs. Addie Laws

Obituary *(Read silently)*

Remarks *(2 minutes each)*

Solo Mrs. Myscha Yeager
"We Shall Behold Him"

Eulogy Rev. Jeremiah Isaac

Funeral Director

Recessional *"Bye and Bye"*



Interment
Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

*Drivers in the procession, please turn on
headlights for safety.*

Floral Bearers

Stewardess Board
Hamlet Chapel CME Church
and
Nieces

Pall Bearers

Steward Board
Trustee Board
Hamlet Chapel CME Church

Expression of Thanks

*A multitude of love and sincere "Thanks" to you
for your caring, sharing, kindness, your calls,
cards, flowers, gifts and prayers, your
thoughtfulness and love shown during this
most difficult loss of our cherished loved one.*

*We are eternally grateful for your every
act of concern.*

With lots of love,

The Burnette Family



Services Entrusted to:

Jones Funeral Home
112 South Graham Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina