

Home Going Service

for

Mrs. Mozelle Horton



Saturday, April 8, 1989 – 1:00 P. M.
MITCHELL CHAPEL A. M. E. ZION CHURCH
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Rev. F. L. Rush, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE
Rev. Juanita Milliken, Officiating

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL "We're Marching To Zion"

HYMN "My Hope Is Built"

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament - 27th Psalm Rev. Kermit DeGraffenreidt

New Testament - Philippians 4:6-13 Rev. Juanita Milliken

PRAYER Rev. Juanita Milliken

HYMN "Lift Him Up"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Mrs. Margie Alston

SOLO Mrs. Bartavia Richardson

EULOGY Rev. Rush

RECESSIONAL "When We All Get To Heaven"

INTERMENT
Church Cemetery

MAMA

*Mama, the kind and gentle spirit
Who taught us what was right
And lived the life she taught—
Who dried each tear
And drove away each fear—
You hid our poverty
Under your rich, unending love.
(Did Santa and the Easter Bunny
ever fail to come?)
You made each of us feel
Special and important.
You urged us to dream, to strive, to reach
But never forget to love, to care, to share.
Mama, you gave all
And asked nothing in return
Thanks*

Rufus Jr. '89

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MATTIE MOZELLE CUNDIFF HORTON, Christian, wife, mother, educator—was born in Wilkesboro, North Carolina on October 26, 1903, to the late Rose and Rufus Cundiff. She departed this life on Tuesday, April 4, 1989.

One of six children, she expressed early a desire to feed her mind and her soul and to serve humankind. This zeal for learning, for wisdom and for understanding was to continue throughout her life.

After graduating from Lincoln High School in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, she attended North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University) graduating at the head of this college's first four-year class. She did additional study at Shaw University, Winston-Salem Teacher's College, Hampton Institute, and the University of North Carolina. She was a scholar who remained unpretentious.

Though quiet by nature, she was outspoken in the area of civil rights. Her victory in the 1931 case of the "People vs the Registra of Wilkes County" effected registration and voting rights for Blacks in North Carolina.

In 1937, she married Rev. Rufus Horton and was a loving and devoted wife until his death. Being the wife of a minister and believing that God was the center of her life, she worked tirelessly to be a doer of the Word. During her life, she served in almost every capacity in a church except as pastor or choir member claiming that she could neither preach nor carry a tune.

Although she was involved in many organizations, she was especially proud of her affiliation with the Extension Home Maker Association and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mozelle excelled in many areas but her greatest success was that as a Mother. She loved and was loved by children, young and less young.

Her memory will be cherished by her children, Alfred Horton and Cornelius Horton of Winston-Salem, Essie Mae Albright of Graham, Minerva Milliken and Euphulia Farrar of Pittsboro, Guytanna DeGraffenreidt of Mt. Vernon, New York, Rufus Horton, Jr. of Landover, Maryland, and Richard Horton of Castle Hayne; two sisters, Guytanna Brown of Wilkesboro and Flora Brewer of Pittsboro; two brothers, John Cundiff of Washington, D. C. and Claude Cundiff of Glassboro, New Jersey; twenty-two grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

TO RUFUS

*Mama's little boy is a sad disgrace.
He walks around with a dirty face.
His hair's uncombed and rumped high
He looks a fright to passers by.
My neighbors say that I don't try
To make him mind or keep him shy.
Sometimes I think my neighbor are right
Until that special time at night
When he climbs the stairs
And says, "Mama, don't forget my prayers"
Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
Bless my Mama and my Dad
And their little boy
Who's sometimes bad. Amen
Then he looks at me with his innocent stare
And says "Kiss me Mama-there"
That little rascal which other see
Is at that moment, an angel to me.*

M. M. Horton '48

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS
Bible Band
Extension Home Maker Association
American Legion Auxiliary

PALLBEARERS
American Legion Auxiliary

The many thoughts, words, and deeds shared with our family have increased our faith in God and our fellowman. Our thanks, prayers, and best wishes are extended to you.

Horton Family

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