

**Homegoing Services  
for  
Mr. Johnny Riggsbee**



**1931 - 1997**

**Services  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
242 Lystra Road  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina**

**Friday, September 19, 1997  
2:00 P.M.**

**Rev. Larry D. Jones, Pastor, Officiating**



**Mr. Johnny Riggsbee, son of the late Ella and Jake Riggsbee was born August 27, 1931, and departed this life September 13, 1997 in Britthaven Nursing Home, Chapel Hill, NC.**

**At an early age he joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chatham County, later moving to Washington, D.C. He was educated in Chatham County Public School System.**

**He was married to the late Mary Frances Riggsbee.**

**Remembering him with love are his children, daughter, Johnnie Mae Riggsbee of Washington, D.C.; son, Johnny Riggsbee, Jr. of Chapel Hill N.C.; eight step-children; Rochelle, Frances, Tina, Lonnie Earl of Utica, N.Y, David of Rochester, N.Y.; James Brown of Durham, N.C. Janie Lee of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Barbara of Washington, D. C. Four sisters, Anna Williams, Dora Atwater, Vester Paylor, and Leona Durham all of Chapel Hill, N.C. Three grandchildren, Johnny Riggsbee III, Antonio Riggsbee and Dionte Lawley. Five sister-in-laws, Frances Riggsbee and Ida Fikes of Washington, D.C., Lila Fikes Richardson of Durham, NC, Willie Ann Bynum of Chapel Hill, NC, and Gladys Fikes of Elon College, Brothers-in-law, George Fikes, Philadelphia, P.A. and Willie Fikes, Troy, N.Y. ; one aunt, Ms. Jennie Riggsbee of Chapel Hill, N.C. and a very special friend Emma (Penny) Simms of Washington, D.C. Eleven nieces and five nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.**

### **I Needed The Quiet**

*I needed the quiet tho'at first I rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things.  
Tho' weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay  
He loved me so greatly He drew me away.*



**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**SELECTION**

**Choir**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Rev. Morgan**

**PRAYER OF CONSOLATION**

**Elder Robert Siler**

**SOLO**

**Patricia Riggsbee**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITURARY**

**SOLO**

**Leroy Farrar**

**EULOGY**

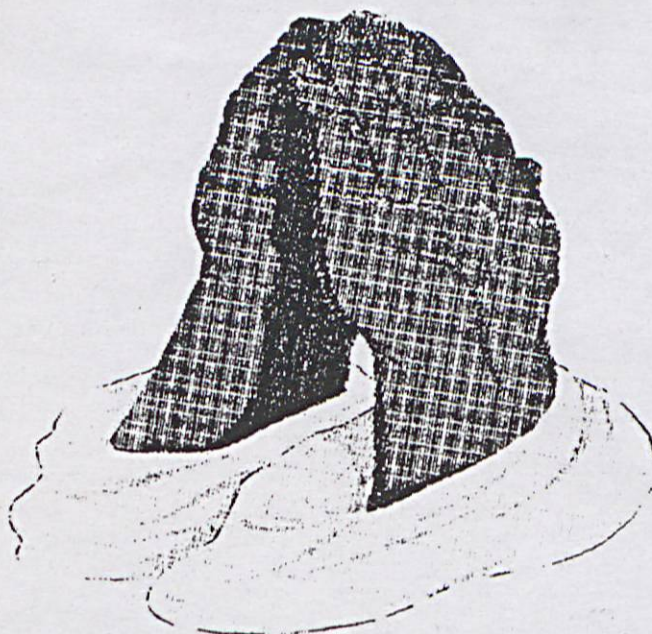
**Rev. Larry Jones**  
**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**

**SELECTION**

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR IN CHARGE**

**RECESSIONAL**

**INTERMENT IN CHURCH CEMETERY**





## **PALL BEARERS**

Friends of the Family

## **FLORAL BEARERS**

Ladies Adult Class No. 2

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*We; the family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the many kind acts and deeds extended during the death of our loved one.*

*A very special thanks to Karen and all of the Home Health Care workers*

*The Family*

Arrangements and many thanks to:

Knott's Funeral Home  
Graham Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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