

### Honorary Pallbearers

St. Joseph's Trustee Board  
Berean Bible Class  
St. Joseph's Senior Usher Board  
St. Joseph's Finance Committee  
Durham Outboard Boating Club  
Durham City School Principals  
Durham City School Teachers  
Durham City School Administrative Staff  
Durham City Schools' Retired Teachers

### Active Pallbearers

James Biggers, Jr.	Everette Leon Goldston
Thomas Biggers	Robert Lewis
James I. Bolden	Robert McAdams
James Carrington	Manley Michaux
Lionel Parker	
Larry Rose	

### Floral Bearers

Class of 1946 - Winston-Salem State University  
St. Joseph's Ladies' Aide Society  
St. Joseph's Women Ushers  
Durham Chapter of  
Winston-Salem State University Alumni  
Lincoln Community Health Center Volunteers  
WRAL TV Call-For-Action Volunteers  
Little Pinochle Club

\* \* \* \* \*

*The Family expresses gratitude for all acts of kindness during the periods of illness and bereavement with the loss of their loved one.*

\* \* \* \* \*

Programs by  
**Universal Printing Company**

## IN MEMORIAM



### **Mrs. Alice Beverly Biggers**

February 6, 1925 — — — January 24, 1985

**Saint Joseph's  
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Sunday January 27, 1985 1:00 P.M.**

*The Reverend W. W. Easley, Minister*



## Oblique

MRS. ALICE BEVERLY BIGGERS, daughter of the late Clarence and Alice Beverly, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on February 6, 1925. The family moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina when she was five years old; there she spent the rest of her early life.

Mrs. Biggers completed her Elementary School and High School Education in the Winston-Salem Public Schools. Upon graduation from the Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University), she earned a Masters Degree from The Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, North Carolina.

After completing one year of Teaching in Gaston County, she taught in the Durham County Schools for fifteen years, later completing twenty-one years at Fayetteville Street School in the Durham City School System. Mrs. Biggers retired in April of 1982 due to health reasons.

Mrs. Biggers affiliated with St. Joseph's AME Church upon locating in Durham. She was a member of the Senior Choir and the Ladies' Aide Society. Her Community affiliations included a Charter Member of Zafa Court No. 41, Daughters of Isis, Durham County and City Schools Retired Personnel, Plum Street Community Organization, Durham Alumni Chapter of the Winston-Salem State University, Lincoln Community Health Center Volunteers, Call-For-Action Volunteer, American Association for Retired Personnel, National Retired Teachers' Association, North Carolina Association of Educators, and the Little Pinochle Club.

Survivors are her husband, Mr. Joseph Calvin Biggers, Sr., of the home; Second Lieutenant Joseph Calvin Biggers, Jr. of White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; three brothers, Markowitz, Clarence and Robert Beverly of Chicago, Illinois; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

SUNDAY

JANUARY 27, 1985

1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE ..... Mr. Fred Mason, Jr.

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN..... *"In The Garden"* ..... Senior Choir

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE — Old Testament - 23rd Psalm ..... Rev. John Burton

SOLO. *"If I Can Help Somebody Along The Way"* . Dr. Charles Gilchrist

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND

RESOLUTIONS..... Mr. Noah H. Bennett, Jr.

HYMN..... *"It Is Well With My Soul"* ..... Senior Choir

REMARKS ..... Mr. R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

EULOGY ..... The Reverend W.W. Easley, Jr.

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE ..... Mr. Fred Mason, Jr.





## "NEIGHBOR"

Mrs. ALICE ROSE BEVERLY BIGGERS

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

### Alice the neighbor . . .

We first became acquainted with Alice when Joe and Alice moved in next door to us on (616) Bernice Street in 1951. We lived as close neighbors even after they moved to Plum Street. Even when we visited with her least Wednesday afternoon in the hospital, we greeted each other as "Neighbor." Our children grew up as sister and brothers. Those who have lived near her have found her to be a good neighbor in every way. She would not have had it any other way.

### Alice the person . . .

She had a amiable personality and made friends freely, put her friends at ease easily, had an open-door home and loved her family and her many, many friends from far and near. She was a loving mother and wife. She loved St. Joseph's AME Church where she sang and worshipped regularly.

Even with her health problems, she was still outgoing. She met new friends on her morning walks and while she did volunteer work at Lincoln Medical Center and Call For Action.

### Alice the teacher . . .

Her professional career had many contributions. As a teacher in elementary schools in Durham and Durham County she had the special touch of working with young people in the learning process. She knew how to help children individually with special problems and motivate them.



## "NEIGHBOR"

Mrs. ALICE ROSE BEVERLY BIGGERS

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

### Alice the neighbor . . .

We first became acquainted with Alice when Joe and Alice moved in next door to us on (616) Bernice Street in 1951. We lived as close neighbors even after they moved to Plum Street. Even when we visited with her least Wednesday afternoon in the hospital, we greeted each other as "Neighbor." Our children grew up as sister and brothers. Those who have lived near her have found her to be a good neighbor in every way. She would not have had it any other way.

### Alice the person . . .

She had a amiable personality and made friends freely, put her friends at ease easily, had an open-door home and loved her family and her many, many friends from far and near. She was a loving mother and wife. She loved St. Joseph's AME Church where she sang and worshipped regularly.

Even with her health problems, she was still outgoing. She met new friends on her morning walks and while she did volunteer work at Lincoln Medical Center and Call For Action.

### Alice the teacher . . .

Her professional career had many contributions. As a teacher in elementary schools in Durham and Durham County she had the special touch of working with young people in the learning process. She knew how to help children individually with special problems and motivate them.

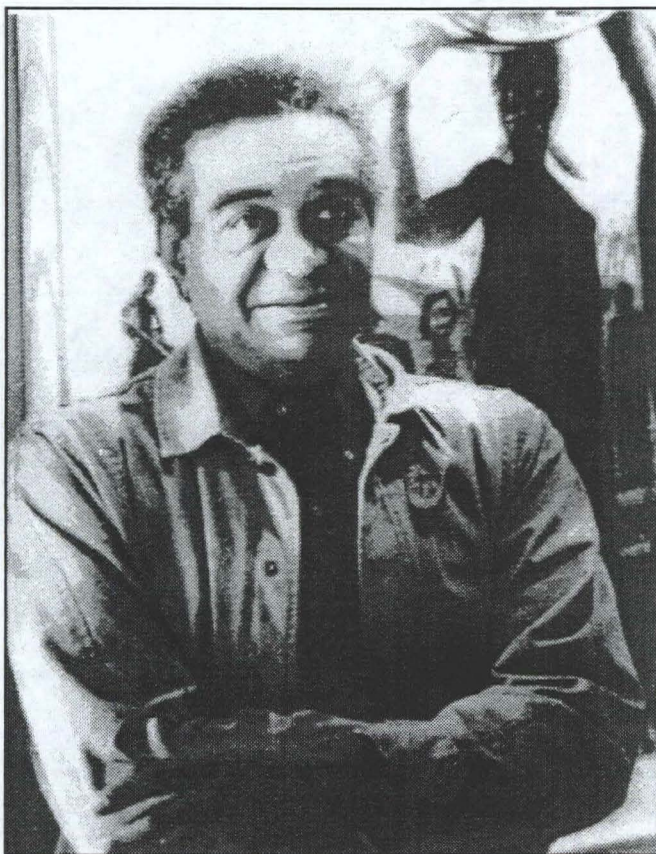




# Homegoing Services

For

*Dr. John Thomas Biggers*



*Friday, February 2, 2001*

*11:00 A.M.*

*Tucker & Sons Funeral Home, LLC*

*2720 Murchison Road*

*Fayetteville, North Carolina*

*Rev. David Williams, Officiating*





## Reflections

*Dr. John Thomas Biggers, son of the late Paul and Cora Biggers was born April 13, 1924 in Gastonia, North Carolina and departed this life on January 25, 2001 in Houston, Texas. John was the youngest of seven siblings, five preceded him in death.*

*John Thomas spent his formative years in Gastonia and was educated at Lincoln Academy. From there he enrolled in Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) in Virginia.*

*World War II interrupted his schooling and he was inducted into the U.S. Navy. There he served two years.*

*It was at Hampton Institute that he discovered his passion for art. That love guided him to Pennsylvania State University where he earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Art Education. Later he would earn his Doctorate of Education from the university.*

*Dr. Biggers became an Assistant Professor at Texas Southern University in 1949. He was founding chairman of the art department and for 34 years he instilled his art philosophy in students, encouraging them to think independently and creatively.*

*Since his retirement in 1983 he was free to create. And create he did ... murals for public buildings, (campuses of Texas Southern University, Winston-Salem State University and Hampton University - just to name a few), commissioned pieces*

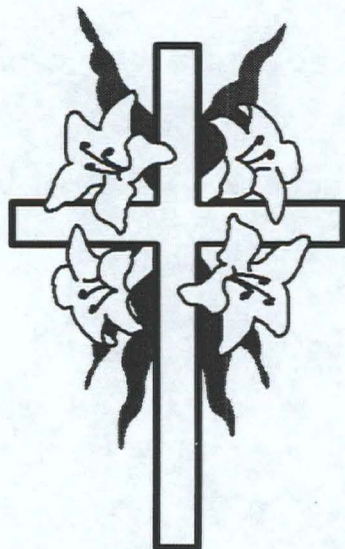


*for private collectors and major museums, and art exhibitions at prestigious museums including our own Fayetteville Museum of Art.*

*Awards and honors include, but not limited to, Texas Artist of The Year - The Art League of Houston and the highest honor bestowed upon a North Carolinian, The North Carolina Awards. John Biggers received this award in 1995 for his contributions in fine arts.*

*In 1942 while at Hampton Institute he met Hazel Hales from Fayetteville, North Carolina and on December 27, 1948 they were united in holy matrimony. For several years John and Hazel maintained residence in both Houston and Gastonia.*

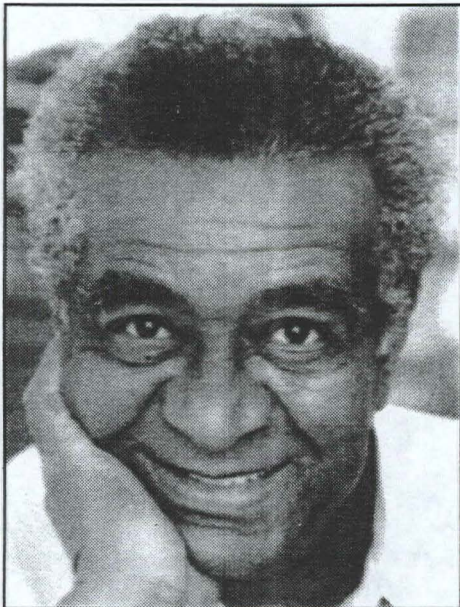
*Surviving to celebrate his memory and the joy his life brought them are: his devoted wife of 52 years, Mrs. Hazel Biggers; a loving sister, Mrs. Ferrie Biggers Arnold (Jim) of Palm Coast, Florida and a host of beloved relatives and friends.*





## **"To Those I Love"**

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love so you can only guess  
how much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
but now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part.  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
all my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and a  
"WELCOME HOME".*





# Order of Service

*Processional ..... Clergy & Family*

*Hymn ..... "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" ..... Choir*

## *Scriptures:*

*Old Testament ..... Proverbs 3:1-7*

*New Testament ..... I Corinthians 15:50-55*

*Prayer of Consolation ..... Mr. Romas Leroy Hales*

*Hymn ..... "Blessed Assurance" ..... Choir*

*Acknowledgments ..... Minister Delores McLaurin*

*Obituary ..... Read Silently*

*Solo ..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" ..... Sametris McKenney*

*Eulogy ..... Reverend David Williams*

*Hymn ..... "I'll Fly Away" ..... Choir*

*Recessional*



## **Honorary Floral Bearers**

*Members of Zeta Pi Omega Chapter of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,*

## **Active Floral Bearers**

*Friends of the Family*

## **Honorary Pall Bearers**

*Carl Ards*

*Napoleon Braun*

*Early Hundall*

*Harvey Johnson*

*James Miller*

*William Pajaud*

## **Active Pall Bearers**

*Friends of the Family*

## **Acknowledgment**

*The family would like to express our gratitude to our relatives, neighbors and many friends for all acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. May God continue to bless and keep each and everyone of you.*

## **Committal and Interment**

*Shiloh United Church of Christ Cemetery  
Fayetteville, North Carolina*

## **Services of Love Entrusted To:**

*Tucker and Sons*



*2720 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, North Carolina*

*"When Only Memories Remain, Let Them Be Beautiful."*



### Honorary Pallbearers

St. Joseph's Trustee Board  
Berean Bible Class  
St. Joseph's Senior Usher Board  
St. Joseph's Finance Committee  
Durham Outboard Boating Club  
Durham City School Principals  
Durham City School Administrative Staff  
Durham City Schools Retired Personnel

### Honorary Floral Bearers

The Ladies Usher Board of St. Joseph's

\*\*\*\*\*

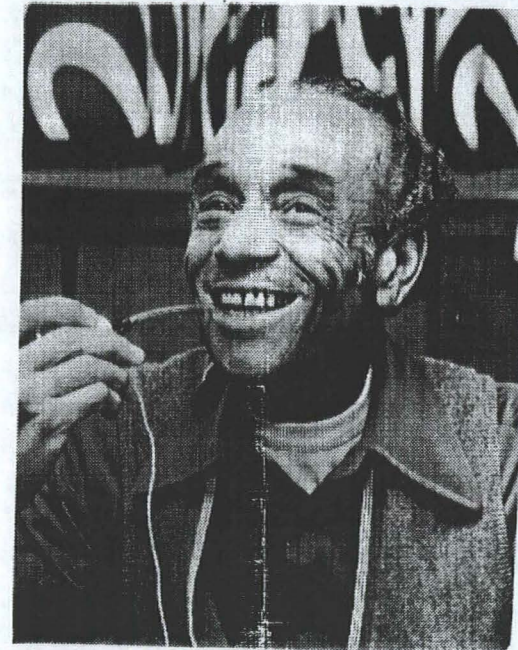
### Acknowledgement

*The Family expresses gratitude for all acts of kindness during the periods of illness and bereavement with the loss of their loved one.*

\*\*\*\*\*

Professional Services by  
Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapels and Gardens  
Funeral Directors  
306 South Roxboro Street  
Durham, North Carolina  
Since 1888

### IN MEMORIAM



**Mr. Joseph Biggers, Sr.**

September 20, 1921 — September 8, 1986

\*\*\*\*\*

Saint Joseph's  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Durham, North Carolina

\*\*\*\*\*

Thursday, September 11, 1986  
1:00 P.M.

The Reverend W.W. Easley, Minister



## Obituary

MR. JOSEPH CALVIN BIGGERS, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Cora Biggers, died on Monday, September 8, at the Veterans Administration Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born in Gastonia where he attended public schools. He attended North Carolina Central University and North Carolina State University.

Mr. Biggers was in the U.S. Coast Guard where he served and was discharged honorably after World War II. He was a member of Doric Lodge No. 28 Free and Accepted Masons, Durham Consistory #218 and Zafa Temple #176. For many years he traveled throughout eastern North Carolina selling beauty and barber products of the Biggers and Turner Barber and Beauty Supply Company of which he was part owner. He later became a deputy sheriff of Durham County after which he was appointed a U.S. Deputy Marshal by the then U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy. He became an attendance counselor of the Durham City Schools from which he retired for health reasons. He was the treasurer of the Durham Outboard Boating Club, a member of the Trustee Board of St. Joseph's AME Church and was on the Usher Board, and the assistant scoutmaster of Troop 187 at Burton School for 16 years.

Surviving their loss are one son, Lt. Joseph C. Biggers, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama; one brother, Dr. John T. Biggers, Houston, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Ferrie B. Arnold, Palm Coast, Florida, and many other relatives and friends.

§

## Order of Service

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 1986

1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE ..... Mr. Fred Mason, Jr.

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN #297, "Come, Ye Disconsolate" ..... Choir

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE — Old Testament - 23rd Psalm

SOLO ..... "If I Can Help Somebody Along The Way"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND

RESOLUTIONS ..... Mr. Noah H. Bennett, Jr.

REMARKS ..... Mr. R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

SELECTION — "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" ..... Choir

EULOGY ..... The Reverend W.W. Easley, Jr.

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE ..... Mr. Fred Mason, Jr.

§



Obituary

Mr. JOSEPH CALVIN BIGGERS, Sr.

Mr. JOSEPH CALVIN BIGGERS, Sr., son of Mr and Mrs. Paul and Cora Biggers, died on Monday, September 8 at the Veterans Administration Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born in Gastonia where he attended public schools. He attended North Carolina Central University and North Carolina State University.

Mr. Biggers was in the U. S. Coast Guard where he served and was discharged honorably after World War II. He was a member of Doric Lodge No. 28 Free and Accepted Masons, Durham Consistory #218 and Zafa Temple #176. For many years he travelled throughout eastern North Carolina selling beauty and barber products of the Biggers and Turner Barber and Beauty Supply Company of which he was part owner. He later became a deputy sheriff of Durham County after which he was appointed a U. S. Deputy Marshal by the then U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy. He became an attendance counselor of the Durham City Schools from which he retired for health reasons. He was the treasurer of the Durham Outboard Boating Club, a member of the Trustee Board of St. Joseph's AME Church and was on the Usher Board, and the assistant scoutmaster of Troop 187 at Burton School for 16 years.

Left to survive their loss are one son, 1st Lt. (P) Joseph C. Biggers, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama; one brother, Dr. John T. Biggers, Houston, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Ferrie B. Arnold, Palm Coast, Florida, and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, September 11 at 1:00 PM at St. Joseph's AME Church with Rev. W. W. Easley officiating. Scarborough Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



JOSEPH CALVIN BIGGERS, Sr.

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

Our acquaintance and friendship goes back 35 years to when he and Alice lived next door to us. Our families operated like close relatives. In our neighborhood and in the Plum Street area, he and his family were good neighbors and well liked by everyone.

Joe was a person who loved people and loved to have friends around. He was compassionate, understanding and considerate of others. He was outgoing with his feelings and help to others. He was a community man and wanted to share other's burdens. Quietly, he gathered items and toys that he repaired, repainted and made them available and gifts to those who may not otherwise have been able to get them. He enjoyed children and seeing them happy was another of his joys. He took pride not credit in showing the collection of toys and items that he had in his basement that he had repaired. He kept buisy even with his many bouts at the hospital. Even until a few weeks ago, you didn't catch him unless you started early in the morning. He was my assistant scoutmaster until his passing. These are but a very few of the many, many things that was known to have done in the church, community and state.

Inspite of his condition, he made others love him for the way he accepted and took his condition and carried it without being a burden to others. During his last days of suffering, he nad no demands, his requests were few and he would say that he would be alright. He had faith and faith sustained him to the end when he quietly left us.



All of us will remember him for his strong determination, his outgoing personality and concerns that touched people wherever he went, and the quiet manner in which he bore his burden.

He did not go alone. He carried with him many fond memories of those he loved, knew, cheered along the way,, served and helped during his journey through this life.

Dedicated to "Joe."

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.  
St. Joesph's AME Church  
Durham, N. C.

September 11, 1986



Line

1- acquaintance

7- helpful

10- as gifts (not and)

~~to~~

14 - busy

~~he had no~~

made no demands



If we did not go to sleep at night  
We'd never awaken to see the light,  
And the joy of watching a new day break  
Or meeting the dawn by some quiet lake  
Would never be ours unless we slept  
While God and all His angels kept  
A vigil through this "little death"  
That's over with the morning's breath—  
And death, too, is a time of sleeping,  
For those who die are in God's keeping  
And there's a "sunrise" for each soul,  
For LIFE not DEATH is God's promised goal—  
So trust God's promise and doubt Him never  
For only through death can man LIVE FOREVER!

HELEN STEINER RICE

Dedicated to my "Neighbor."

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.  
St. Joseph's AME Church  
Durham, N. C.  
January 27, 1985



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Doric Lodge #28 F.&A.M.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Trustees & Deacons of White Rock Baptist Church  
Ministers

Ushers of White Rock Baptist Church

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Deaconess of White Rock Baptist Church

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Miles Mark Fisher District  
Ministers' Wives  
Volkamenia Club

**Acknowledgment**

*Thanks to you our friends for your fellowship, kindness and help during the life, the illness, and since the death of our beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend.*

*A meal for the family and out of town guests will be served after the burial at White Rock in the fellowship hall.*

\*\*\*\*\*

Arrangements

By

FISHER FUNERAL PARLOR

3137 Fayetteville Street

Durham, NC

**A Service Of Worship  
Of The Almighty God  
Upon the Death of**



**THE REV. SYLVESTER PAUL BIGGERS**

1910 - 1980

\*\*\*\*\*

**White Rock Baptist Church**

3400 Fayetteville Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27707

\*\*\*\*\*

**Monday, October 27, 1980**

2:30 P.M.

\*\*\*\*\*

Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor, Officiating



The REVEREND SYLVESTER PAUL BIGGERS departed this life on the afternoon of October 24, 1980 following a period of extended illness.

He was born in North Wilkesboro, NC, July 11, 1910 to the Reverend Paul and Cora Biggers. He grew up in Gastonia and graduated from Lincoln Academy in Kings Mountain. He also attended Johnson C. Smith University and Shaw University.

He moved to Durham in 1940 to continue working with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, by which he was employed for about 10 years. Later he worked for Michaux Realty Company and opened his own business, Biggers Barber and Beauty Supply Company. After he closed this business in 1960, he became assistant superintendent at Oxford Orphanage in Oxford until 1964. He returned to Durham and worked with the Redevelopment Commission until he began a fulltime ministry.

In 1969, he became pastor at Cedar Grove Baptist Church at Roxboro and the Synama Grove Baptist Church at Creedmoor until declining health forced him to retire.

He was known as "Syl" or "Papa Syl" by his family, friends and many foster children.

He was a Life Member of the Baptist Missionary, White Rock Baptist Church Usher Board, Trustee Board, Sick and Shut-In Committee, leader and big brother of Miles Mark Fisher District, General Baptist Convention of NC, Inc., secretary of the Ordaining Council of East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens in Durham, Volkamenia Club, Red Oak community club and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He was a master mason and belonged to Doric Lodge #28 F&AM.

Survivors are his loving wife, Mrs. Alma Fitzgerald Biggers; two sisters, Mrs. Ferrie B. Arnold of Deerfield, Fla., and Mrs. Sara B. Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa.; two brothers; Joseph Biggers of Durham, and John Biggers of Houston, Texas; one uncle, Bruce Whitworth of Kings Mountain; and a host of nieces, nephews, and foster children.

*"Let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your father who is in heaven."*

## The Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Mr. John H. Gattis

\*PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION ..... The Reverend W.W. Easley, Jr.  
*Pastor, St. Joseph AME Church, Durham*

SCRIPTURE - #542 ..... The Reverend J.W. Barnes  
*Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Roxboro  
and Congregation*

SOLO — "If I Can Help Somebody" ..... Mrs. V.W. Alston  
*Directress, Gospel Choir, White Rock*

REMARKS ..... Mr. Hubert Gooch, Sr., Chairman of Deacons  
*Synama Grove Baptist Church, Creedmoor*  
Mrs. Lala W. Williams  
*Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Roxboro*  
Mrs. Goldie Brown, Leader - Thursday Prayer Band

SOLO — "Go Preach My Gospel" ..... Mrs. Gwendolyn Haskins  
*Music Professor, NCCU & Assist. Dir. White Rock's Youth Choir*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ..... Mr. DeEdward Watson  
*Chairman, Sick and Shut-in Committee, White Rock*

\*HYMN - #75 — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"  
Choir and Congregation

EULOGY ..... Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor

RECESSIONAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE ..... Mr. Gattis

\*PLEASE STAND — EXCEPT FAMILY

### BURIAL

GLENNVIEW MEMORIAL PARK  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MASONIC BURIAL RITES BY  
THE DORIC LODGE #28  
OTHER MASONS MAY JOIN THEM

DRIVERS IN THE PROCESSIONAL PLEASE TURN ON LIGHTS FOR SAFETY



Rev. Sylvester Paul Biggers

10/2/80  
It is fitting and appropriate that the D. A. Thompson District of White Rock Baptist pause with sorrow to note and record the passing of one of White Rock's most earnest and sincere members - Rev. Sylvester Paul Biggers on Friday, October 2 1980.

Whereas, he joined White Rock Baptist Church soon after his arrival to Durham and attended regularly until he became ordained and accepted a charge;

Whereas, he was a man of sympathetic understanding and visited and prayed for the sick and shut-in;

Whereas, he was a supporter of the Church district programs and attended regularly;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the members of the D. A. Thompson District of White Rock Baptist Church express their deep sympathy to the members of the family



(2)

and his many friends. There can be  
consolation in knowing that our lives  
have been touched by his devotion and  
contributions and he will live on in  
the hearts and memories of all of us.  
This tribute of unselfish service will be  
spread upon the minutes of this organization  
and a copy provided the family.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. Thompson District  
White Rock Baptist Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

October 27, 1980

24B



Bishop, Betty

### Betty Gooch Bishop



DURHAM — Mrs. Betty Gooch Bishop, 67, of 3901 Hulon Dr., died Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Her service will be conducted at 12 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2012 at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave. Interment will follow in Glennview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Friday at the church from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m., one half hour prior to the service.

Mrs. Bishop is survived by her husband, Bobby Bishop; two children, Deena Jones and Anthony T. Jones; her mother, Elnora Gooch; and sister, Blanche Burgess.

Arrangements by Burthey Funeral Service.