

Kelly Bryant Collection

**EVER CLOSE IN MIND AND HEART**

No further away than a picture,  
A smile or remembered phrase,  
Our loved ones live in memory --  
So close in so many ways.  
For how often does a sunset  
Bring nostalgic thoughts to mind  
Of moments that our loved ones shared  
In days now left behind!  
How often has a flower  
Or a crystal autumn sky  
Brought golden recollections  
Of happy days gone by!  
Memory has a magic way  
Of keeping loved ones near --  
Ever close in mind and heart  
Are the ones we hold most dear.

**FLOWER BEARERS**

Deaconesses  
Order of Eastern Star, Alba Chapter #34  
Latta, South Carolina

**PALL BEARERS**

Masonic Brothers

**HONORARY PALL BEARERS**

Deacons

**MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY**

We wish to thank you for the kindness shown to us  
during the illness and passing of our loved one. May God  
richly bless you.

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**Eulogistic Services**

**For The Late**

**MR. FLOYD H. BETHEA, SR.**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1979 - 2:30 P.M.**

**SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**LATTA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REV. A. C. ROBINSON, PASTOR**



## OBITUARY

Floyd Herod Bethea Senior was born August 30, 1910 in Mallory, S.C. to the late Herod and Susanna Bethea, and quietly departed this life January 31, 1979 in the Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville, N.C.

He spent his early childhood in Dillon County. As a young boy he made his pact with God to serve Him and sealed his promise by joining the Manning Baptist Church, Dillon, S.C.

He received his education in the Schools of Dillon County, S.C. and Robeson County, N.C. He also served his Country in the early forties.

On December 24, 1937 he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Alma Luvenia Mace in Latta, S.C. To this union ten children were born.

Mr. Bethea identified with the continuing life in Christ by becoming a faithful and active member of Saint John Baptist Church. He was a moving member in the Sunday School, Prayer Circle, and served as Chairman of the Deacon Board. For many years he served as Secretary of the Little Pee Dee Baptist Association, and the Deacon and Layman Union. He was also an untiring member of Prince Hall Masonic Temple Lodge #86. His interest was greatly felt in the community and state as a member of the Dillon County Board of Education, Advisory Panel of the Latta Area Schools, and other civic organizations.

His last days were filled with love, hope, and peace. He was a devoted husband, a loving Father and grandfather, and a friend to humanity.

Survivors are his wife: Alma L. Mace Bethea; his children: Floyd H. Bethea, Jr. of Tampa, Fla., Carolyn B. Cureton of Huntington, Conn., Frank Bethea of San Jose, California, Annie E.B. Matthews of Boynton Beach, Fla., Robert L. Bethea of Jersey City, N.J., Lenard S. Bethea of Hillside, N.J., Margaret F. Augustas of Darlington, S.C., Joseph E. Bethea of Jersey City, N.J., Lawrence E. Bethea Queens Village, N.Y. and William T. Bethea Denmark, S.C.

brother, Mr. Gaston Bethea, Latta, S. C.; eighteen grandchildren, three sons-in-law, seven daughters-in-law, three brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
The Bethea Family.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding                      Rev. M.G. McRay  
Modera of The Little Pee Dee Association

Prelude ..... Music

Processional ..... Music

Hymn No. 295 ..... "Abide With Me"

Scripture - Old Testament . . . . . Rev. W. L. Edwards

New Testament . . . . . Rev. T. B. Thomas, Jr.

Invocation . . . . . Rev. Hugo Stanley

Hymn No. 265 "It Is Well"

Remarks:

Church ..... Deacon Joseph Johnson, Sr.

Masonic Lodge #86 . . . . . Mr. Richard Johnson

Dillon County Bd. of Education . . . . . Mr. Phil E. Brown

Advisory Panel of the Latta Area Schools

Mr. R.L. McBryde, Jr.

Obituary ..... Music - Silent

Solo ..... Mr. McLendon Moody

Eulogy . . . . . Rev. A.C. Robinson

Hymn No. 274 ..... "God Will Take Care Of You"

Benediction . . . . . Recessional . . . . . Parting View

INTERMENT: Oaky Point Cemetery  
Latta, South Carolina



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

DORIC LODGE NO. 28

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

STEWARDS OF RUSSELL MEMORIAL C. M. E. CHURCH  
DURHAM CONSISTURY NO. 218  
ZAFA TEMPLE NO. 176

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

EASTERN STAR

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

STEWARDESS BOARDS OF RUSSELL MEMORIAL C.M.E. CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The FAMILY expresses their sincere appreciation  
for the many acts of kindness shown them during their  
time of bereavement.

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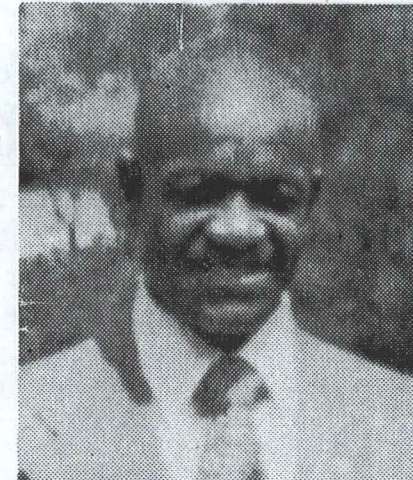
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EULOGISTIC SERVICES

FOR

MR. MARVIN BETHEA



AUGUST 15, 1918 - DECEMBER 17, 1980

RUSSELL MEMORIAL C. M. E. CHURCH,  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1980

2:00 P. M.

REVEREND L. H. WHELCHER, JR., OFFICIATING



## O B I T U A R Y

MARVIN BETHEA, son the late Simon and Lelia Bethea, was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, August 15, 1918. He departed this life Tuesday, December 17, 1980, after a brief illness at Durham County General Hospital.

MR. BETHEA was joined in marriage to the late Lucille Winston in 1941 and they made their home in Durham. He joined the Saint Matthews C. M. E. Church (now Russell Memorial C. M. E. Church) at an early age. He was a very active, loyal and cooperative member of Russell. He was a member of the Steward Board, Male Chorus, and Sunday School. He was a member of Doric Lodge No. 28, Durham Consistory No. 218, and Zafa Temple No. 176. He was a professional painter and an employee of the American Tobacco Company for 40 years. He was scheduled to retire in March of 1981. He was a devoted father and loved people and was well thought of throughout the community.

He is survived by one daughter, Brenda B. Henderson of Durham, North Carolina; two sons, Marvin H. Bethea of Durham, North Carolina and Wilbert Winston of Durham, North Carolina; seven sisters, Naomi Davis of San Diego, California, Adell Anderson of Durham, North Carolina, Alice Robinson of Washington, D. C., Agnes Speed of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, Capitolia E. Ashford of Camp Springs, Maryland, Grace Murph and Rebecca Stephenson of Philadelphia, PA; three brothers, Simon D. Bethea and Abraham Bethea of Washington, D. C., and Lewis B. Bethea of Tacoma, Washington; two grandchildren, Shelton L. Bethea and Tiffany K. Tedder of Durham, North Carolina; three aunts, Lula Jamison and Ida Robinson of Durham, North Carolina and Pearline Wooten of Baltimore, Maryland; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## O R D E R   O F   S E R V I C E

### PROCESSIONAL

HYMN            "Blessed Assurance"

### SCRIPTURE

### PRAYER

### SELECTION

Male Chorus and  
Gospel Chorus

### OBITUARY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### SELECTION

Male Chorus

### EULOGY

Rev. L. H. Whelchel, Jr.

### RECESSIONAL

### INTERMENT

BEECHWOOD CEMETERY  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Headlights  
For Safety.



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**FLORAL BEARERS**  
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MAY GOD BLESS YOU!*

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**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**MR. JOHN (JOHNNY) HUGH BETTS**  
July 5, 1904 — January 28, 1997

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**SAINT JOSEPH'S  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
2519 Fayetteville Street  
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1997  
1:00 P.M.**

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**Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Jr., Pastor, Officiating**



## — OBITUARY —

MR. JOHN (JOHNNY) HUGH BETTS, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Betts, was born July 5, 1904 in Franklin County, Texas and departed this life Tuesday, January 28, 1997 in Durham Regional Hospital.

He graduated from Rockdale High School in Rockdale, Texas and attended Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas.

After college, he migrated to Chicago, Ill. to join his sister and brother-in-law. While working and living in Chicago, he met and fell in love with Lyda Ruth Flintall. They were married in January, 1938. Early in their marriage they decided to move to Durham, N.C., the home of his new bride. Soon after coming to Durham, Johnny joined St. Joseph's AME Church where he served for many years on the Usher Board, the Steward Board and as a Class Leader.

Additionally, Johnny was active with the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of civic and community organizations.

Johnny was employed by the great North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and worked in several capacities, including Data Processing and Reproduction Services. He retired from N.C. Mutual in December 1969.

Late in life, Johnny lost his eyesight but he continued to be faithful in attending his church and community activities until his wife suffered a stroke and could no longer care for him. He was placed in Lyons Rest Home in 1992 where he remained until he was admitted to Durham Regional Hospital.

Johnny's sister, Mrs. Margaret Pitchford preceded him in death.

His wife, Mrs. Lyda Ruth F. Betts preceded him in death November 16, 1996.

He leaves to mourn their loss, one daughter, Mrs. Dorsey Jean Johnson of Fairfield, Texas; three grandchildren, Helen Johnson, Harold Johnson and Harlon Johnson; three great-grandchildren, Jay Ryan Johnson, Eric Johnson and Leah Johnson; a brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Jennings, Durham; four sisters-in-law, Mrs. Willie F. Smith, Greensboro, Mrs. Piccola F. Jones, Mrs. Emma F. Jennings and Mrs. Lucille K. Flintall, Durham; a special friend, Mr. Jimmy Bolden, who visited him every week while in the rest home and hospital; special daughters, Mrs. Hazel Howard and Mrs. Vivian Tapp Tate of New York City; other relatives and friends.

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## — ORDER OF SERVICE —

FAMILY VISITATION 12:00 Noon-1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN ..... The Choir

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

New Testament

SELECTION ..... The Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..... Paul Williams

CHURCH PAPER

OBITUARY (Read Silently)

SELECTION ..... The Choir

EULOGY ..... *John 5:1-29* ..... Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Jr.  
*"How To Convert To From The Baptist"*

RECESSIONAL

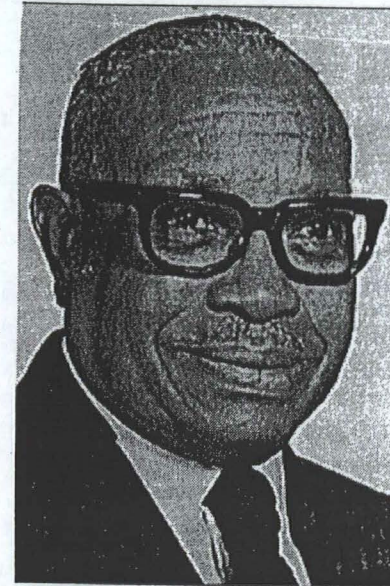
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Interment  
 Glennview Memorial Park  
 Garden of Devotion  
 Apex Highway  
 Durham, North Carolina

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RECESSIONAL

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Garden of Devotion  
Apex Highway  
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**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**  
Gentlemen of White Rock Senior Choir  
and  
Deacons

**FLORAL BEARERS**  
Chi Eta Phi Sorority

**HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS**  
Ladies of the White Rock Senior Choir  
Susie V. Norfleet Sunday School Class  
Hillside High School Class of 1932  
College View District

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU!*

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**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**MRS. LYDA RUTH FLINTALL BETTS**  
August 31, 1913 — November 16, 1996

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**WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3400 Fayetteville Street  
Durham, North Carolina

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1996**  
1:00 P.M.

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Reverend Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, Pastor, Officiating



## — OBITUARY —

MRS. LYDA RUTH FLINTALL BETTS, daughter of the late William Proctor and Annie Tapp Flintall, was born on August 31, 1913 in Durham, N.C. She departed this life on Saturday, November 16, 1996 in Durham Regional Hospital.

She was educated in the Durham City schools and was a 1932 graduate of Hillside High School. She was a 1935 graduate of Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing and received a B.S. degree in Nursing from North Carolina Central University in 1966. She also held a certificate in Public Health Nursing from St. Phillips Medical College of Richmond, Va.

She had worked with the Wayne County Health Department prior to joining the Durham County Health Department on November 1, 1944. She received a commendation from the Department on December 19, 1976 for coordinating the Swine Influenza Campaign. She retired on August 31, 1978.

She was baptized in White Rock Baptist Church at an early age and later joined the Senior Choir and sang in the Alto section of the Choir for many years until illness curtailed her participation. She was a member of the church's College View District, and the Susie V. Norfleet Sunday School Class. She was a member of the Rosewood Street Community Club, a life member of N.A.A.C.P., National Council of Negro Women, Y.W.C.A., Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens, and Women-in-Action for the Prevention of Violence, a member of The Lincoln Hospital Alumni Association and the Alumni Association of N.C.C.U.

She was a charter member of Pi Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., a life member of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., and an Executive Board member of the American Cancer Society, Durham Unit.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Johnie Hugh Betts; a step-daughter, Mrs. Dorsey Jean Johnson of Fairfield, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Willie F. Smith, Greensboro, N.C., Mrs. Piccola F. Jones and Mrs. Emma F. Jennings of Durham, N.C.; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucille K. Flintall; one brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Jennings; four nieces, three nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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*"Pray, Pray, be calm and still,  
Whatever comes must be His will;  
His Promise like buds unfold,  
Naught that is good will He withhold."*

## — ORDER OF SERVICE —

PRELUDE.....Dr. Paula D. Harrell

PROCESSIONAL

SONG ..... The Choir  
*Blessed Assurance*

SCRIPTURE — 1st Psalm..... Rev. Wadell C. Tapp

PRAYER ..... Rev. Thelma Battle

SOLO.....Mrs. Margaret K. Goodwin  
*Precious Lord*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Ellis L. Allen

REMARKS ..... Hillside High Class of 1932  
College View District

SONG ..... The Choir  
*He Leadeth Me*

EULOGY ..... Reverend Dr. Stephens

RECESSIONAL

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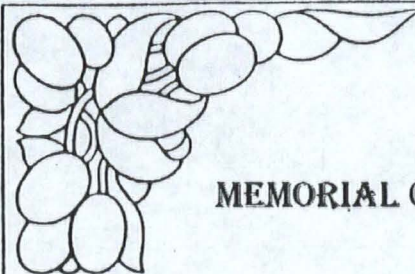
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Farewell Soror Betts,  
Your work is done, now may  
Peace rest with thee. Your  
Kindly thoughts and deeds will  
Live on. This is not death-  
'Tis immortality.....

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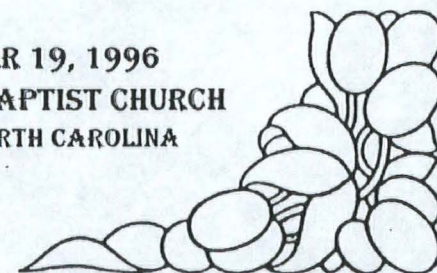
SOROR LYDA RUTH FLINTALL BETTS

BY

CHI ETA PHI SORORITY INC.-PI CHAPTER



NOVEMBER 19, 1996  
WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA





## SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Sweet hour of Prayer, Sweet hour of Prayer  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me that my father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief;  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, Sweet Hour of Prayer. Amen.

## REQUIEM TO A NURSE

Lord of our life, We bow in deep sub-mis-sion  
To thy last will for this, our kin-dred soul.\_\_\_\_  
We walk in paths that thou, thy -self, hath tak-en  
In ser-vice true, to men thy love un-fold.  
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In Ser-vice true, To men thy love unfold.

Ac-cept thine own, re-called from earth-ly la-bor  
E-ter-nal-ly, the rich-er life to share  
Leave in the breach some to-ken of thy fa-vor  
Our com-fort be, light-en the cross we bear.  
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## PROGRAMME

Prelude\* Soft Music

Prayer.....Soror Jueldenn Ford

Scripture.....Soror Marilyn Iverson

Song....(Sweet Hour Of Prayer).....All Members

Resolution, National.....Soror Gloria King

Resolution, Local.....Soror Rosetta Clark

Thanatopsis.....Soror Linda Rouse

Song.....(Requiem to a Nurse).....All Members

Mizpah.....Soror Jueldenn Ford

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## THANATOPSIS

"So live that when they summons come to join  
The innumerable caravan, which moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death  
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night  
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."



## BETTS

Funeral services for Mrs. Lyda Ruth Flintall Betts, 83, of 1201 Rosewood Street, will be held Wednesday at 1 PM at White Rock Baptist Church with Dr. Reginald Van Stephens officiating. Burial will follow in Glenview Memorial Park.

Mrs. Betts was a 1932 graduate of Hillside High School, a 1935 graduate of Lincoln Hospital School



of Nursing, a 1966 graduate with a B.S. Degree in Nursing from North Carolina Central University. She was a public health

## BETTS

nurse in Wayne, Person and Durham Counties and retired in 1978.

She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church and its Susie V. Norfleet Sunday School Class, College View District and Senior Choir. Also, she was a member of the Rosewood Street Community Club, Life Member of the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, YWCA, Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens, Women-In-Action, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, INC - Pi Chapter.

Survivors include her husband, John H. Betts; step-daughter, Mrs. Dorsey Jean Johnson; sisters, Mrs. Emma Flintall Jennings, Mrs. Willie Flintall Smith, and Mrs. Piccola Flintall Jones.

Visitation will be this evening from 7 to 8 at White Rock Baptist Church with memorial services by Chi Eta Phi Sorority, INC - Pi Chapter.

Arrangements are by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

11/11/96



**MRS. LYDA RUTH FLINTALL BETTS**

11-23-96

Final rites for Mrs. Lyda Ruth Flintall Betts were held Wednesday, November 20, at White Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Reginald Van Stephens, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park. She died Saturday, November 16, at Durham Regional Hospital.

She was born August 31, 1913 in Durham, a daughter of the late William Proctor and Mrs. Annie Tapp Flintall. She attended Durham City schools and was a 1932 graduate of Hillside High school; 1935 graduate of Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing; and 1966 graduate of North Carolina Central University with a bachelor of science degree in Nursing. She also held a certificate in Public Health Nursing from St. Phillips Medical College, Richmond, Va. From 1944 to 1978, she was employed at Durham County Health Department.

She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church, the Senior Choir, College View District and the Susie V. Norfleet Sunday School Class. She was a member of the Rosewood Street Community Club, a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, YWCA, Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens, and Women-In-Action for the Prevention of Violence; the Lincoln Hospital Alumni Association and the NCCU Alumni Association.

She was a charter member and a life member of Pi Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. She served on the Executive Board of the Durham Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Surviving are her husband, J.H. Betts; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Dorsey Jean Johnson of Fairfield, Texas; three sisters, Mrs. Willie F. Smith, Greensboro, Mrs. Piccola F. Jones and Mrs. Emma F. Jennings, both of Durham; four nieces and three nephews.

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**BETTS** 2/21/00

Memorial service for Ms. Marie King Betts, 95, will be held at noon Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel. Burial, Beechwood Cemetery.

She was a native of Edgecombe Co. and was the daughter of the late Richard and Maria



Jackson King. She had worked at Duke University.

She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church and the church's Temple Whitted

**BETTS**

Sunday School Class, A.T. Torrence District, Gospel Chorus, and Mission Group. She was also a member of the Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens and the National Council of Negro Women.

Surviving are a sister, Maxine King; nieces, Fran Ellison, Carmen E. Dorsey, and Hazel E. Williams; and nephews, David Phillips, Marion Velez, of Nashville, Tenn., Norman Staton, of Bronx, N.Y., and General King.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the organ fund of White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St.

The family will be at the home of Elvert and Carmen Dorsey, 2214 Arrington St.





Beets

## Durham Native Dies in Silver Spring, Md.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred "Pinkie" Grady Betts, 70, formerly of Durham, were held Saturday, August 12, at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. Interment was in Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Md. She died Tuesday, August 8, at her home in Silver Spring, Md., following several years of illness.

She was a daughter of the late Rev. Alvis O. Grady, Sr., and Mrs. Grady.

Surviving are her husband, William T. "Keter" Betts; two daughters, Ms. Jacquelyn Betts and Ms. Jennifer Betts; three sons, William T. Betts, Jr., Jonathan Betts and Derek Betts; sisters, Mrs. Hazel G. Weeks, Mrs. Martha G. Dalton and Mrs. Gladys G. Knox, all of Durham; a brother, Alvis O. Grady, Jr. of Durham; several nieces, nephews and cousins.



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**BIGELOW**

MEBANE - Joe Edward Bigelow, born in Orange Co., August 5, 1935, to the late Rev. Joe and Lessie Fauçette Bigelow, died March 14, 2002, in Triangle Hospice of Alamance. The funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday in Lee's Chapel Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. this evening at Chavis-Parker Funeral Home.



**Honorary Pallbearers**  
Trustees of The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church

**Active Pallbearers**  
Deacons & Trustees of The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church

**Honorary Floral Bearers**  
Officer's Wives Club  
Associate Minister's Wives

**Active Floral Bearers**  
Members of the Pastor's Aide Club

**APPRECIATION**

The FAMILY wishes to express their thanks for all gestures of kindness and services shown, during the illness and death of the deceased.

Lord, make me an instrument  
of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; and  
Where there is sadness, joy . . .  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying  
that we are born to eternal life.

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**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
of  
**Mrs. Lillian Ivoria Bigelow**  
(August 26, 1926 - December 13, 1993)



**The Greater Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church**  
Juniper Street  
Durham, North Carolina

Wednesday, December Fifteenth  
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three  
Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

**The Reverend Nathaniel Wall,**  
Officiating



## The Obituary

The humble, yet beautiful life of LILLIAN IVORIA BIGELOW, began on August 26, 1926 in Sedalia, North Carolina. There she was born Lillian Ivoria Hughes, the first of nine children to Douglas (deceased) and Lillian Hughes. As the oldest child she began preparation for her greatest mission in this life—to be the world's most supporting wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend—as she spent quality time lovingly assisting in the care of her younger siblings.

At an early age the family moved to Greensboro, North Carolina.

"Ivoria", as she is affectionately called by her family and friends, began her education in the catholic school there and completed it in the Greensboro Public School System.

Strong family training in the Christian doctrines led her into Christian fellowship at a young age and she joined the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro. She maintained active fellowship until her illness would not allow her.

On January 12, 1947, she was married to the recently deceased, Reverend Dr. W.T. Bigelow. Their call to the ministry moved their family to Durham, North Carolina in 1958. Being the supportive wife to his ministry, her church affiliations changed to each church which he pastored. Ivoria maintained steadfast loyalty to the program of each church. She participated in the choir, directed the Junior Choir and was a member of the Pastor's Aide Club.

Three children were born to this marriage—Willie Ronnie, Lillian Patricia (Antomattei) and Thomas Steven. Ivoria centered her life around her husband, her children, her grandchildren and her family. She unselfishly showered each of them with her love.

Ivoria had a passion for joy, happiness and laughter. Even late into her recent illness she found moments to share joy and laughter with her loved ones.

Ivoria's loving memories will be forever cherished by her children, Ronnie, Pat and Steve; one son-in-law, Candido "Lucky" Antomattei; one daughter-in-law, Irene Hedgpeeth Bigelow; her mother, Lillian Hughes; four sisters, three brothers, two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, six grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

## The Order of Service

*The Reverend Nathaniel Wall, Presiding*

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION ..... The Meditational Choir

SCRIPTURE ..... The Reverend Russell Hardy

PRAYER ..... Brother Edward Holloway

SELECTION ..... The Meditational Choir

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY ..... Mrs. Marion E. Covington

SOLO ..... Ms. Regina Ford

EULOGY ..... Dr. James E. Daniel  
*Pastor, Greater Joy Baptist Church*

SOLO ..... Ms. Valerie Ford

RECESSIONAL

*Just think—*

*Of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven;  
Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's Hand;  
Of breathing a new air and finding it Celestial Air;  
Of feeling invigorated and finding it Immortality;  
Of passing from storm and tempest to an Unbroken Calm;  
Of waking up—and finding it HOME!  
Though gone, she'll never be forgotten!*

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of  
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**Acknowledgment**

The family would like to thank each of you for the love and kindness shown them during the illness and passing of their loved one. They have been sustained by your care and concern, and long shall they remember that you too cared and shared. May God continue to richly bless each of you.

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In Loving Memory  
of

**THE REVEREND DR. W. T. BIGELOW**

(March 15, 1929 - June 29, 1993)



Sunday, July 4, 1993  
11:00 A.M.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church  
1102 Juniper Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27701

The Reverend Dr. C. C. Craig  
Officiating Minister



## The Order of Service

*The Reverend Dr. T. Van Rhoe, Presiding*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION ..... *The Inspirational Choir*

SCRIPTURE

*Old Testament - Isaiah 40: 28-31 ..... The Reverend Russell Hardy*

*New Testament - II Timothy 4: 1-7 ..... The Reverend Wade Morrison*

PRAYER ..... *Brother Edward Holloway*

SELECTION ..... *The Inspirational Choir*

REMARKS ..... *The Reverend James Daniels*

*Deacon M. L. Harris*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

AND OBITUARY ..... *Ms. Bernadette Watts*

SOLO ..... *Mrs. Dorothy Fox-Jackson*

EULOGY ..... *The Reverend Dr. C. C. Craig*

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

### Interment

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## The Obituary

**The Reverend Dr. W. T. Bigelow**, the son of the late Walter Bigelow and the late Melissa Bigelow, was born on March 15, 1929 in Yanceyville, NC. He peacefully entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, June 29, 1993 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, after a brief illness.

Dr. Bigelow pastored at the New Hope Baptist Church, Chatham County, NC for four years and at the First Baptist Church, Apex, NC for eight years. In June, 1965, he was called to pastor the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, NC, where he diligently served for twenty-eight years. Under his dynamic leadership, the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church grew from a mere 183 members to a congregation of over 5,000.

Dr. Bigelow received his education in the Greensboro, NC Public School System. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Theology degree, a Masters of Theology degree and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the United Christian College, Goldsboro, NC. He continued his education, earning a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, VA and a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, NC, where he was also a member of the faculty.

Dr. Bigelow was an active member of the General Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Pastors Conference, Columbus, OH, the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign and Home Missionaries and the National Baptist Evangelistic Association. Also known as the "Radio Pastor", he broadcast the International Sunday School Lesson every Sunday on radio station WSRC for twenty-nine years. He was a recording artist with sermons, prayers and meditations published nationwide.

Dr. Bigelow was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Doric Masonic Lodge No. 28, PHA, Durham, NC.

Dr. Bigelow leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Lillian Hughes Bigelow; two sons, Willie Ronnie Bigelow and Thomas Steven Bigelow; one daughter, Lillian Patricia Bigelow Antomattei; one son-in-law, Candido "Lucky" Antomattei; one daughter-in-law, Irene Hedgepeth Bigelow; one brother, Garland Bigelow; one sister, Geneva Eubanks; four brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; six grandchildren; several uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

*He found the road was getting rough,  
The hill was hard to climb;  
He gently closed his loving eyes,  
And whispered, "Peace be mine."  
His weary days, his nights of pain,  
His restless hours have passed;  
His ever patient worn out frame,  
Has found sweet rest at last.*



Doric Masonic Lodge No. 28, PHA  
Durham, North Carolina



**Acknowledgment**

*The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude  
for the many deeds of love, kindness and concern  
shown them during this their time of bereavement.  
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**Saturday, July 3, 1993**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Greater St. Paul Baptist Church**  
**1102 Juniper Street**  
**Durham, North Carolina 27701**



**"To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me"**

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, you can only guess,  
How much you gave me in happiness;  
I thank you for the love each of you have shown,  
But now it's time I must travel on alone.  
So grieve a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust,  
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 within 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."

**THE REVEREND DR. W. T. BIGELOW**

**Sunrise**

March 15, 1929  
Yanceyville, North Carolina

**Sunset**

June 29, 1993  
Durham, North Carolina

**Funeral Service**

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