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A Celebration

Mrs. Aurelia Tate Henderson
"Midge"

1900

1997



Friday, December 26, 1997
12:00 Noon

Grace A.M.E. Zion Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Rev. J. Elvin Sadler, Officiating

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVOCATION

OPEN HYMN #243..... "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament I Corinthians 13

PRAYER OF COMFORT

ANTHEM Church Choir

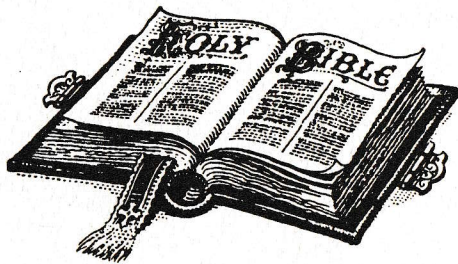
REMARKS

EULOGY Rev. Dr. Smith Turner, III

CLOSING HYMN #205 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT 9th Street Elmwood Cemetery



Acknowledgments

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends for the cards, telegrams, flowers and other expressions of kindness and sympathy shown during our bereavement. May God bless each of you. We shall always remember you.

— The Family

Obituary

MRS. AMELIA "MIDGE" TATE HENDERSON was born on March 4, 1900, the seventh of ten children born to the late Thad L. and Mary B. Tate in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Midge was educated in the public schools of Charlotte, North Carolina at Myers Street School and then went to Scotia Seminary for Girls in Concord, North Carolina for high school work. She then went to Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina for her college training. Her first job was as a first grade teacher at Myers Street School.

She was united in marriage with Dr. Strickby Smith of Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he practiced Dentistry. Upon his death, she returned to Charlotte. During the mid-forties, she remarried to Dr. Harry Henderson of Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he operated a pharmacy and sundry store. Again, she resided there until he passed in the late fifties, at which time she returned to Charlotte for permanent residence.

Midge was very active in her community life, being one of the early Democratic Party Voting Captains. She operated the Contract Station Post Office on Lasalle Street for many years, was active with Bridge groups such as the Bluebird Club and Chip & Dip Group. She was also a Charter Member and former President of the Charlotte Chapter of Links, Inc.

In her church life at Grace A.M.E. Zion, Midge was affiliated with several organizations such as the Helping Hands Club, Missionaries and Century Club during the active years of her life. She will be missed by family and friends. In every way she was the living fruit of the spirit and exceeded the qualities of love, joy, patience and kindness. These marked her life to the end. She was the last survivor of the "Tate Dozen Family."

Those remaining family members are: two nephews, Rev. Ray A. Booton of Charlotte, North Carolina and Mr. Willis J. Pettis of Richmond, Virginia; two nieces, Mrs. Meye T. Jackson of Washington, DC and Mrs. Jocelyn T. Booker of Cleveland, Ohio and a host of over-the-year friends.



Last Farewell

She bade not a last farewell;
She said good-bye to none.
The Heavenly Gate just opened wide,
And a lovely voice said, "Come."
God knew that she was weary,
And the hills too hard to climb,
So He closed her weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."