

Sunrise, February 13, 1920 ~ Sunset, December 27, 2013



Thursday, January 2, 2013 12:00 Noon

First Baptist Church-West 1801 Oaklawn Avenue Charlotte, North Carolina

The Rev. Dr. Ricky Woods ~ Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Herman Thomas ~ Officiating

OBITUARY

Frances C. Waddell Phillips was born on February 13, 1920 in Cabarrus County, the daughter of the late Robert S. Caldwell and Cora Johnson Caldwell. She peacefully passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Friday, December 27, 2013 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Her husbands, Dr. E.E. Waddell and Jonas H. Phillips, preceded her in death.

Frances attended Barber Scotia College, graduated from Winston-Salem State University and earned a Masters Of Education degree from North Carolina A&T State University. A devoted educator, Frances spent 39 years teaching in Stanley County and Mecklenburg County School Systems, working to enrich the lives of the elementary, middle and high school students in those communities.

As a dedicated and loyal servant of God, Frances gave her talents to each assignment. She was especially grateful for being honored as Woman Of The Year at First Baptist Church West of Charlotte, North Carolina in 1977.

Frances was a charter member and past officer of the Urban League Guild of Charlotte, North Carolina, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Park Road YWCA for six years. She was also a member of the NAACP steering Committee for the Legal Defense Fund Dinner, and a past member of the School Workers Federal Credit Union/Legacy Board of Directors for over 30 years. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Barber Scotia College, past member of the Afro-American Culture Center, and a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Charlotte Alumnae Chapter, of which she was an active member for over thirty-five years.

Frances loved people, and gave unselfishly when and wherever she saw a need. She provided housing to Johnson C. Smith University students, and when family and friends moved to Charlotte, her home became theirs. Frances loved to entertain in her home, which included wholesome friendly card games and lots of gaiety and laughter. She was a charter member of the National Pinochle Bugs, Charlotte Chapter, and played until her health was challenged. She loved to travel and enjoyed several cruises and other trips during her retirement.

She is survived by her daughter Deborah "Debbie" Waddell Brooks and her husband, Calvin; Phyllis Waddell, Kermitt Waddell, Granddaughter Kristen, and Great-Grandson Kelsey; nephew Jerome and Naomi Evans family, the Waddell family, the Phillips family, and a host of other family members and friends.

Frances was a sweet spirit who gave a lifetime of service to others. She enjoyed people and led a life inspired by God, full of dignity, grace, joy, service, and love.

Thanks be to God for the life of Frances C. Waddell Phillips.

