

*HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
OF
MRS. MILDRED LOUISE PHILLIPS ALRIDGE*



*Friday, April 12, 2002
12 Noon*

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

Dr. Ricky A. Woods, Pastor/Officiating

OBITUARY

Mildred Louise Phillips Alridge, the second child of Annie and Edgar J. Phillips, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina where she spent most of her life. She attended Myers Street Elementary and Second Ward High School. She entered Shaw University where she received an A.B. degree and a scholarship to the University of Cincinnati where she was awarded a B.E. degree. Years later she attended Columbia University and earned a Master's degree.

Mildred was married to Dr. Milledge T. Brodie, II. To this union was born one son, Milledge T. Brodie, III. Both preceded her in death. In later years she was married to Theodore A. Alridge, who also preceded her in death.

Mildred's professional career began in Georgia as a teacher of Social Studies in the Fort Valley Episcopal Junior College, which is now Fort Valley State College. She returned to Charlotte and enjoyed a productive career teaching on the elementary level in the following schools: Morgan, Biddeville, Oaklawn and Paw Creek. After retirement, she continued her educational interests by maintaining her membership in the N.E.A., N.C.E.A. and the Retired Teachers Association.

Mildred was very active in many phases of the life of First Baptist Church. For several years, she was Chairperson of the Board of Finance and member of the Board of Directors and the Board of Christian Education. She was elected to serve as Chairperson of the Building Committee for the new edifice on Oaklawn Avenue. Consequently she served as chairperson of these two committees from the inception of the idea to the completion of the edifice. She served twice as Chairperson of Missionary Group Five, Co-Chairperson of the Program Committee of Missionary Group Four, and Willing Workers, Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee for the Pulpit Search Committee, a Sunday School Teacher, member of the Golden Age Club and member of the Second Ward National Alumni Foundation Inc. In 1963 and 1971 she was "Woman of the Year".

In addition to her church work she was an active and loyal member in both social and service organizations. She was a life member of the NAACP and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. In the local chapter, she held the office of Basileus and other offices. When the City of Charlotte organized the first Historic Properties Commission, she was the first and only black woman elected to the board. During her tenure on the board, she presented a historical study of several buildings on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University to the National Historic Board and was successful in getting Biddle Hall and Carter Hall placed on the list of National Historic Properties.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Elbert P. Phillips of Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Robert M. Phillips of Baltimore, Maryland; sister, Mrs. Helen P. Brooks of Gastonia, North Carolina.

Mildred was not only a worker, but a participant in several social organizations as well; Les Pierrettes, Sans Souci, Our Bridge Club, Chip and Dip and the Monday Nighters. Traveling was a joy to her, not only on this continent, but the other continents of the world. Those who survive to cherish her memories are: grandchildren, Milledge T. Brodie, IV of Longmont, Colorado and Tracie E. Brodie of Charlotte, North Carolina; Hedy Brodie Foster (William) widow of her son, Milledge T. Brodie, III; goddaughter, Elizabeth P. Pierson (George) of Charlotte, North Carolina; nephew, Dr. Robert M. Phillips, II (Linnette) of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; nieces, Dr. Stephanie Philadelphia (Frank) of Birmingham, Alabama, Ms. Gail L. Phillips of Baltimore, Maryland, Ms. Melinda L. Johnson of Charlotte, North Carolina; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Joan Phillips of Baltimore, Maryland, Mrs. Marion Phillips of Clinton, North Carolina and Mrs. Helen B. Robinson of New York; a devoted and loyal friend, Ms. Anita Thornton of Charlotte, North Carolina and a host of other relatives and friends.

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