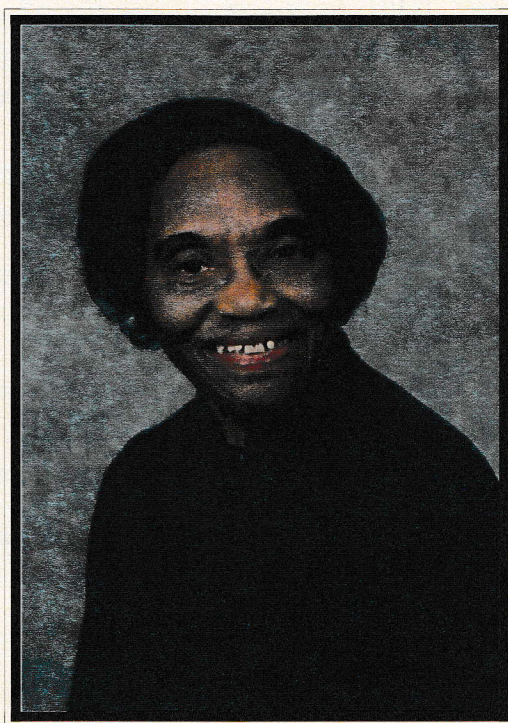


**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
OF
MRS. ELSIE ELECTRA ALLEN WOODARD**



**Wednesday, January 14, 2004
1:00 P.M.**

**Memorial Presbyterian Church
2600 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina**

Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry, Pastor/ Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson

Call To Worship

Rev. Edward B. Newberry

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God of grace and glory, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may worship your glory and serve you with grateful hearts. In this hour speak to us of eternal things and bless us with a reverent sense of your divine presence. Even in the midst of our grief may we find peace. This we pray through Jesus Christ our living Savior. Amen.

Choral Response

"Hear Our Prayer O Lord"

Tribute

Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy, President
Johnson C. Smith University

Solo

"A City Called Heaven"

Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts. As the scriptures are read and heard, still all other voices but your own. Bless us so graciously, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word. Our prayer is through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

The Scriptures

Old Testament

Psalms 46

New Testament

Romans 8:28; 31-39

Anthem

"Here I Am Lord"
Memorial Presbyterian Church Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry

Hymn

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

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Benediction

Recessional

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Interment

Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens

Obituary

Elsie Electra Allen Woodard, the youngest child of Jennie Hildebrand and David Porter Allen, was born September 15, 1910 in Lumberton, North Carolina. She received her early schooling at Redstone Academy, a Presbyterian Church School that went through high school. She received a B.A. Degree from Bennett College. She furthered her education by receiving a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Elsie began her teaching career at Hilly Branch High School in Robeson County. Later she taught at Barber-Scotia College. Her final teaching career spanned thirty years at Johnson C. Smith University from which she retired in 1976. As a member of the English Department, she taught many courses to thousands of students.

She was married for over fifty-five years to the late Samuel P. Woodard, who preceded her in death in 1991. To their union, one son, Sterling was born.

Elsie enjoyed and participated in a number of activities.

She was an active member of Memorial Presbyterian Church. Over the years, she served on the Chancel Choir. She was an active Board member of the Wonderland Child Care Center, housed at the church. Her flair for writing resulted in her creating many narrative productions. One, that she was especially proud of, was created for the church's anniversary entitled "Fescentivity". She participated in the Presbyterian Women's Organization.

Elsie served on the Board of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library System.

She was inducted into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter in 1952. She served as Basileus of the Chapter and was named Soror of the Year.

Socially, she enjoyed playing bridge and was the organizer of the Orbettes Bridge Club. She was also a member of Les Savantes. Traveling was another one of her great passions, whether in the U.S. or abroad.

In addition to her son, Sterling, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Joyce; two grandchildren, Sheina Waddell, Beverly Goode (Alfred); three great-grandchildren, Alfred Jr., Michelle, Melodie; two nieces, Sadie Harlan, Hazel Plummer (Robert, Sr.); two great nephews, Robin Harlan, Robert Plummer, Jr.; three great nieces, Jacqueline Nabrit, Sonya Simpkins and Gretchen Roberts— Shorter and a host of other relatives and friends.



ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Presbyterian Women's Organization of Memorial Presbyterian Church

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Les Savantes

Orbettes Bridge Club

CASKET BEARERS

Men's Council of Memorial Presbyterian Church

“WHEN ALL IS DONE”

When all is done, and my last word is said
And ye who love me murmur “He is dead”
Let no one weep, for fear that I should know
And sorrow, too, that ye should sorrow so.

When all is done, say not my day is o'er
And that thru' night I seek a dimmer shore
Say rather that my morn has just begun
I greet the dawn and not a setting sun
When all is done

Paul Lawrence Dunbar

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The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness and sympathy which have been extended to them during their period of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you.



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