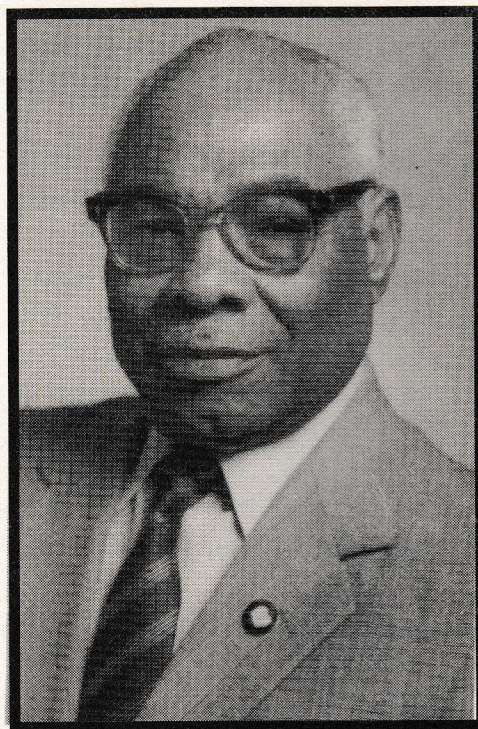


A Celebration of the Life
of
Coleman Dupont Rippy
1916-1996



Wednesday, February 7, 1996
1:00 P.M.

Little Rock African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
401 North McDowell Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

The Reverend Dr. James R. Samuel, Minister

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:

*II Corinthians, Chapter 4, verses 1-2, 6-9, 15-18
and Chapter 5, verse 1*

The Reverend David Miller, Secretary-Treasurer
Department of Brotherhood Pensions and Ministerial Relief, Charlotte, NC

PRAYER OF COMFORT:

The Reverend Dr. Clarence G. Newsome
Dean, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC

CHORAL RESPONSE:

"Spirit of the Living God"

Men's Choir

TRIBUTES (two minutes each):

*The Hon. Malachi J. Greene, Councilman, City of Charlotte
Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancey, President, Johnson C. Smith University
Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, General President, Connectional Lay Council, A.M.E. Zion Church
Judge Adele M. Riley, President, Judicial Council, A.M.E. Zion Church*

MEN'S CHOIR:

*"A City Called Heaven"
Hall Johnson*

TRIBUTES (two minutes each):

*The Reverend Dr. James R. Samuel, Pastor, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte
Bishop George E. Battle, Jr., President, Board of Bishops, A.M.E. Zion Church
Bishop Ruben L. Speaks, Senior Bishop, A.M.E. Zion Church*

The Paine College Ideal, Read by:

The Reverend Cleo M. McCoy
Greensboro, North Carolina, Classmate, Class of 1939

"To love truth and to seek it above material things; To ennoble and be ennobled by common fellowship; To keep the energies of life at full tide; To cultivate an appreciation of the beautiful; To work well and play with zest; To have an open, unprejudiced mind; To live simply, practicing a reasonable economy; To find joy in work well done; To be an earnest disciple in the school of Him who brings the abundant life; To work diligently for a better understanding of the white and colored races; Such is the spirit and ideal of Paine College."

THE PAINE COLLEGE HYMN:

Men's Choir

EULOGY:

Mr. Justin Rippy Patterson Ingersoll, Grandson

CLOSING HYMN:

"Close To Thee"

Fanny J. Crosby/S. J. Vail

Thou my everlasting portion, More than friend or life to me, All along my pilgrim journey, Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

The Obituary

Coleman Dupont Rippy of Charlotte, North Carolina died Saturday morning, February 3, 1996 in the Harris Hospice Unit of Presbyterian Hospital. He was born in Petersburg, Virginia on August 16, 1916, the son of Royal and Pearl Carroll Rippy of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He grew up in Kings Mountain, graduated from Lincoln Academy, and earned his B.A. with honors from Paine College, Augusta, Georgia. He was a school principal in Edison and Ty Ty, Georgia, before serving with the U.S. Army in World War II as a staff sergeant in the Counterintelligence Corps.

After the war, Mr. Rippy returned to Charlotte, where he headed the Oaklawn Community Center, a comprehensive full-service program sponsored by the Myers Park Presbyterian Church. He earned a masters degree from Columbia University, and in 1960 joined the faculty of Johnson C. Smith University, where he rose to professor and Chair of the Social Science Department. At Smith he created the major in Social Work and was a gifted proposal writer and program developer, bringing more than \$3 million in grants to the University. He retired in 1982. During his teaching career, he did graduate work at Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, Oak Ridge, Carnegie-Mellon, and Harvard, published "Social and Economic Conditions of the Black Population in Charlotte," and "Housing for the Elderly: A Survey of Charlotte-Mecklenburg," and was a proposal evaluator for the National Science Foundation and the Southern Education Foundation.

Apart from his family, the central passion in his life was the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, which he served with extraordinary devotion, integrity, and strength. He became the outstanding layperson in the A.M.E. Zion denomination, serving for two terms as President of

the Connectional Lay Council and spearheading the creation of the church's Judicial Council. He was renowned throughout Zion for his quiet leadership, his mastery of parliamentary procedure and of Scripture, his eloquent messages, both written and spoken, and his steadfast faith. Among his publications are: "The Ethics of Christian Family Life," "Families Face the Future" (Co-author), "Changing Patterns of Leadership in the Community of Faith," and "We, Too, Speak for God: Thoughts of an A.M.E. Zion Layman." He was a 48-year-member of the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church of Charlotte, serving for many years as chair of its board of trustees.

Mr. Rippy was the first African-American to serve on the Mecklenburg County Selective Service Board and the Civil Service Commission. He rendered other service to this community through his work with the Boy Scouts (an Eagle Scout, a scoutmaster, and a Commissioner), the Girl Scouts, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, and the Board of Mecklenburg Ministries.

Mr. Rippy is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Almeda Hunt of Greenville, South Carolina. They have one daughter, Vivian Rippy Ingersoll, and one grandson, Justin Rippy Ingersoll, both of Atlanta. He leaves also his son-in-law, Francis Johnson Ingersoll of Atlanta; a sister, Thelma R. Cockerham of New York City; sisters-in-law, Florence H. Dial and Ellen H. Little of Greenville, South Carolina and Mary Ruth Platt Byuarm of Charlotte; a brother-in-law, J. B. Hunt, Jr. and wife Lerlene Hilton Hunt of Orangeburg, South Carolina; and many nieces and nephews, for whom he was the family's patriarch.

Pallbearers

Mr. Donnie Kilgo
Mr. Ernest McClain
Reverend Dr. David Hunter

Mr. Ervin Reid
Mr. Ron Moore
Mr. Gregory Spearman

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Melvin Bailey
Dr. William L. Greene
Mr. Phillip Hager
Reverend Dr. A.C. Hunnicutt
Mr. Richard Moore
Mr. Gilbert McRae
Mr. Albert Stout
Mr. Earl Willie
The Young Adult Class

Mr. Coyal Cooper
Mr. Jimmie Hackett
Mr. Robert Horsley
Mr. Jasper McCormick
Mr. Robert Sims
Mr. Mirion White
The Reverend Dr. Smith Turner III
Mr. Carson Beckwith
The Men of Varick

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The Missionary Society of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church
The Young Adult Class of Little Rock Sunday School

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Mrs. Rosa Alexander
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Mrs. Margaret Meeks
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