

A Celebration of the Life

Of

Ameda Vivian Hunt Rippey

1919 - 2013

pallbearers

Joshua Dial Ernest McClain Timothy Mills

Kenneth Woods Dr. Spurgeon Webber Dr. Curtis Newsome

Honorary pallbearers

Trustees & Stewards

Tower Bearers

Missionaries of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Honorary Tower Bearers

Monday Evening Bridge Club

Excerpt from: To Remember Me

By

Robert Noel Test

If you must bury something, let it be my faults,

my weaknesses and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God.

If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed

or word to someone who needs you.

If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.



In lieu of flowers and gifts to the family, please make contribu-



Order of Service

Prelude

Dr. Frances Ann McClain - Former Minister of Music (Family Friend)

J. Courtney Dial, Violinist, Great Niece

Delores Dial, Accompanist, Niece

Invocation

Hymn "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" (See Insert)

Acknowledgements Reverend Dr. Dwayne A. Walker

Old Testament Jeremiah 29: 10-13 Dr. Clarence Newsome

Gloria Patri

New Testament Matthew 18: 1-6 Dr. Clarence Newsome

Mark 10: 13-16 Dr. Clarence Newsome

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Clarence Newsome

Response "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Selection "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Violinist, J. Courtney Dial, Great Niece
Accompanist, Delores Dial, Niece

Tributes (2 minutes please)

Family - Vivian Ingersoll, Daughter

Church - Gilbert McRae, Joyce Reid

Friend - Timothy Mills

Former Student - George Wallace

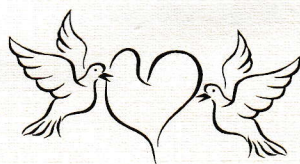
Silent Reading of the Obituary "Spirit of the Living God"

Selection "Jesus is all the World to Me"

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Dwayne A. Walker

Recessional "It Is Well With My Soul"

Interment Oaklawn Cemetery



Life Review

Almeda Vivian Hunt Rippy died at the Hospital, surrounded by her family, in Charlotte for 67 years. She was the daughter of Dupont Rippy, who died in February 1959.

Almeda Rippy was born to James and Mary Diggs Hunt in Greenville, South Carolina. Her parents worked for decades at a textile factory nearby. In addition, her father had a cut hair, raised and sold fruits, vegetables, and had a smokehouse, and served as a teacher of the Sunday school at Pack's Church. From her parents she learned the virtues of hard work and industry. She attended Sterling High School as class valedictorian, then Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, where she was married and graduated *cum laude*. She then did graduate study at Atlanta University, where she met the formidable W. E. B. DuBois. She then attended Johnson C. Smith and North Carolina Central Universities of Oklahoma and Harvard University, and then Columbia University in 1959.

She had a long, distinguished career in education with a primary school in Greenville during World War II with positions in the Billingsville School in 1948 and as a supervisor for elementary schools, teaching mathematics (she wrote and taught The New Math that ran on W. E. B. DuBois curriculum coordinator for the University of North Carolina. She completed her service as an assistant professor in the Department of Education at the University of North Carolina. She was a consultant on desegregation with school systems in North Carolina.

Life Reflections

Almeda Vivian Hunt Rippy died February 25, 2013 at Mercy Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was 93 and had lived in Charlotte for 67 years. She was the widow of Coleman Dupont Rippy, who died in February 1996.

Almeda Rippy was born to James Butler Hunt, Sr. and Helena Diggs Hunt in Greenville, South Carolina on May 16, 1919. Her parents worked for decades at the Brandon Mill, a shirt factory nearby. In addition, her father delivered coal and ice, cut hair, raised and sold fruits, vegetables, chickens, and hogs, had a smokehouse, and served for 50 years as superintendent of the Sunday school at Pack's Chapel and Antioch Baptist Church. From her parents she learned the Christian faith and the virtues of hard work and integrity. She graduated from Sterling High School as class valedictorian and went on to Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, where she met her future husband and graduated *cum laude* in 1940. In later years she did graduate study at Atlanta University (where she often saw the formidable W. E. B. DuBois striding across the quad), Johnson C. Smith and North Carolina Central Universities, the Universities of Oklahoma and North Carolina-Greensboro, and Harvard University, and earned a master's degree at Columbia University in 1959.

She had a long, distinguished career as an educator, starting with a primary school in Greenville and continuing after World War II with positions in Charlotte. She began at the Billingsville School in 1948 and progressed to general supervisor for elementary schools, coordinator for elementary mathematics (she wrote and taught a series of six programs on The New Math that ran on WTVI from 1967-1972), and curriculum coordinator for the experimental model school. She completed her service with five years as associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Along the way she was a consultant on math, language, reading, and desegregation with school systems in North and South Carolina.

Almeda Rippy was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa chapter of Directors of the Mecklenburg Mental Health Association of WSOC's "Nine Women" and belonged to numerous charitable organizations including the Evening Bridge Club, the Little Rock AME Zion Church, a member for 67 years, served the Sunday school. Her AME Zion Church, her Council, and was Chairman of the new Little Rock church. Her great support and commitment they attended scores of States and were delegates to Belgium and Hawaii.

She leaves her loving husband, law, John; grandson, John; Atlanta; her youngest son; many nieces, nephews, and was predeceased by her Rippy, and her siblings Almeda Hunt, Jr.

Almeda Rippy will be remembered for her devotion to her Christian faith, especially those in need; philanthropic spirit; a good friendship; a quick, hearty kindness and warmth that to come.

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Almeda Rippy was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Omicron Delta Kappa education honorary. She was on the Board of Directors of the Charlotte YWCA and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Mental Health Association, the Board of Governors of WSOC's "Nine Who Care" community service awards; and belonged to numerous local and national educational and charitable organizations. She was a co-founder of the Monday Evening Bridge Club that flourished for over 40 years. She joined Little Rock AME Zion Church in 1946 and remained a faithful member for 67 years, serving a long period as superintendent of the Sunday school. Her husband C.D. was a national leader in the AME Zion Church, heading the National Connectional Lay Council, and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees when the new Little Rock church was built in 1982. Almeda provided him great support and companionship in his work to strengthen Zion; they attended scores of meetings and workshops in the United States and were delegates to World Methodist Conferences in Belgium and Hawaii.

She leaves her loving daughter, Vivian Rippy Ingersoll; son-in-law, John; grandson, Justin Rippy Patterson Ingersoll, all of Atlanta; her youngest sister, Mary Ruth Byuarm of Charlotte; and many nieces, nephews, great and grand-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Coleman Dupont Rippy, and her siblings, Fred, Florence, Ellen, and James Butler Hunt, Jr.

Almeda Rippy will be remembered for her deep and abiding devotion to her Christian faith, to her family and to all children - especially those in need of love, support, and learning; a philanthropic spirit; a gracious and elegant deportment; a gift for friendship; a quick, hearty laugh and keen sense of humor; and a kindness and warmth that will continue to inspire us in the days to come.