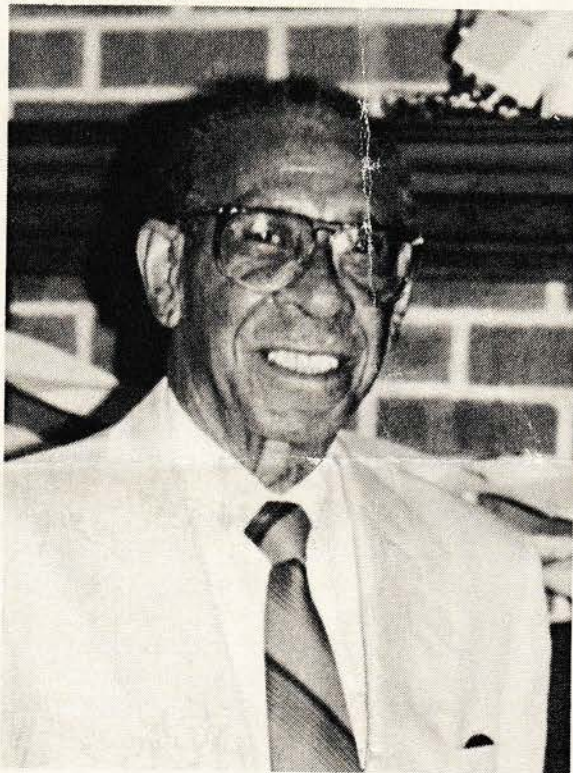


*Celebration of Life*  
*Thomas Henry Wyche*



*Saturday, March 15, 1997*

*1:00 p.m.*

*First United Presbyterian Church*  
*Charlotte, North Carolina*

# Obituary

Thomas Henry Wyche, youngest son of the late Dr. R.P. Wyche and Sarah Long Wyche, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He departed this life on March 11, 1997.

He was a graduate of Second Ward High School and received the B.A. Degree from Johnson C. Smith University, and the Juris Doctorate (law) from Howard University.

Mr. Wyche was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1945, thus becoming among the first black practicing lawyers in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, where he practiced law for fifty years. He was a civic leader, civil rights advocate, and gave generously of himself for the betterment of Charlotte and surrounding areas.

Attorney Wyche travelled to many North Carolina counties where he represented African-Americans in various legal matters including school desegregation, housing, police brutality, discrimination, and criminal cases.

In 1946, he married Grace Elizabeth Lane of Raleigh, North Carolina and to this union was born a daughter, Gwendolyn LaNette Wyche.

Attorney Wyche served as a trailblazer out of the realm of private law practice and focused on developing the first "Legal Aid Society" in Mecklenburg County, now Legal Services of Southern Piedmont.

He affiliated himself with many professional, fraternal, social and civic organizations. For many years, he served as an elder at First United Presbyterian Church, where his father pastored for 54 years.

Surviving him in love and fond memories are his wife of fifty years, Grace Lane Wyche; daughter, Gwendolyn Wyche Harris; son-in-law, Randy G. Harris; granddaughters, Marielle Adelyn Harris, Mariah Wyche Harris, and Miranda Taylor Harris; cousins, Mabel and Sam Dillard, and an extended family of nieces, nephews, Godchildren, and friends.



For your many acts of kindness, support, concern and love, we are grateful.  
Thank you for being a blessing to us.

The Wyche Family