

The Family asks that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Memorial Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

Pallbearers

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TRIBUTE

*She will live in the hearts of her family and friends she made,
And be known always for the foundation she laid.*

Expressions of Gratitude

The Counts Family wishes to thank their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.

Final Rites Entrusted To:

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For

Olethea Wilson Counts



Monday, October 29, 2001

11:00 AM

Memorial Presbyterian Church

2600 Beatties Ford Road

Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Rev. Dr. Edward M. Newberry, Pastor

Officiating

Order For The Worship Of God

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson
PROCESSIONAL....."Holy, Holy, Holy"
CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry
HYMN....."Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".....#464

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth. You formed us from the dust of the earth and blessed us with life. We praise you for your greatness and love. Your wisdom is seen in all your works. Your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ your Son. Your power and presence are given through your Holy Spirit. We honor your holy name even as we worship in this hour. Accept our praise through Christ, our Living Savior. AMEN

CHORAL RESPONSE....."Hear Our Prayer O Lord"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....(Psalm 100).....Rev. Dr. John L. Pharr
New Testament.....(Philippians 4:8-9).....Rev. Ray A. Booton

DOXOLOGY.....The Congregation
SOLO....."His Eye Is On The Sparrow".....Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson
TRIBUTES.....Grandchildren
PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

HYMN....."Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart".....#145
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL....."For All The Saints"
INTERMENT.....Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens

Obituary

OLETHEA WILSON COUNTS was born in Charleston, South Carolina August 12, 1911, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Wilson. She entered into eternal rest on October 25, 2001 at Presbyterian Hospital Matthews in Matthews, North Carolina.

"Lee", as everyone knew her, attended the public schools of Charleston through the 8th grade. She attended high school at Coulter Academy in Cheraw, South Carolina staying with her beloved Aunt Lillian and her husband, Dr. George Waldo Long, the founder and Head Master of Coulter Academy. It was at Coulter that she met her future husband, Herman L. Counts.

Upon completion of her studies at Coulter Academy, she continued her studies and graduated from the Scotia School for Women in Concord, North Carolina.

In 1934, Lee and Herman were married and moved to Cheraw, South Carolina where he taught at Coulter Academy and she worked with the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. Out of this union, four children were born.

Lee solidified the enduring Counts' family connection to Johnson C. Smith University through her work as Dormitory Directress. She also taught pre-school and evening adult classes in the community. However, she always made it clear that her most important priorities were to raise their children and to support the work of her loving husband, which was especially evident in their teamwork in the area of missions. She lovingly taught her children the true meaning of "FAMILY" and instilled in them the importance of love and unity. She opened their home to many of the Johnson C. Smith students and other young people throughout her life, treating them as if they were her own.

Olethea leaves blessed with precious memories the following: three sons, Herman L. Counts, Jr. of Newark, Ohio, Wilson E. Counts and Howard A. Counts of Charlotte; one daughter, Dorothy Counts-Scoggins of Charlotte; two daughters-in-law, Doris H. Counts of Newark, Ohio and Stephanie R. Counts of Charlotte; six grandchildren, Herman L. Counts, III of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Tyrone P. Counts and wife, Barbara, of Westerville, Ohio, John V. Counts and wife, Lee Ann, of Holly Springs, North Carolina, Mitchell R. Scoggins and wife, Ana, of Toronto, Ontario Canada, Nicole L. Scoggins of Mercer Island, Washington and Jonathan R. Counts of Charlotte; nine great grandchildren; one brother, Robert Wilson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; three sisters-in-law, Annette Wilson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Geraldine Wilson of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts and Mary B. Carroll of Rowland, North Carolina; one brother-in-law, Oscar B. Spaulding of Pendleton, North Carolina; several nephews and nieces and many other relatives and friends.

Olethea was predeceased by her sister, Ethelyn Spaulding, of Pendleton, North Carolina and brother, Thomas Wilson, of Bronx, New York.