

*Celebrating the Life
of
Lillie Mae Ridley Myrick*



*May 24, 1924 - August 14, 2010
Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 12 Noon*

*Third Baptist Church
461 Goodwin Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704*

*Joe B. Fleming, Senior Pastor
Joseph A. Fleming, Assistant Pastor*

Still Missing You

*They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way we feel.*

*For no one knows the heartache
that lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times
we have broken down and cried.*

*We want to tell you something
so there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of
but so hard to be without.
We cannot bring the old days back,
when we were all together
The family chain is broken now,
but memories live forever.*

Unknown

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

ProcessionalPsalm 23Rev. Joseph A. Fleming

Hymn....."Great is Thy Faithfulness".....Choir

Scripture

Old Testament

Isaiah 43: 1 – 3

Deacon Marion Ransom

Psalm 121

New Testament

Philippians 4: 1 – 3

Deacon Michael Williams

John 14: 1 – 4

Prayer of Consolation.....Rev. Leroy Williams

Selection....."Holy, Holy, Holy".....Choir

Remarks.....Deacon Harold Brown

*First Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC*

Mrs. Karen Smith

President, C. H. Jordan Crusaders

Deacon Mary V. Hall

Family Friend

Deacon Sylvester Brown

Family Friend

Acknowledgements.....Rev. Joseph A. Fleming

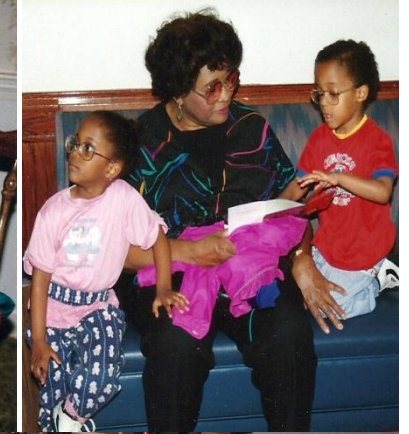
Selection....."Let Mt. Zion Rejoice".....Choir

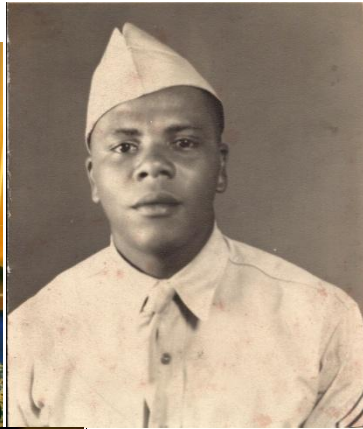
Silent Reading of the Obituary

Selection....."We Shall Behold Him".....Ms. Cassandra Stancil

Eulogy.....Rev. Joseph A. Fleming

Recessional....."When We All Get to Heaven".....Choir





Obituary

Lillie Mae Ridley Myrick was born on May 24, 1924 in Brunswick County, Virginia. She was the second of ten children born to the late Robert H. and Ella Callis Ridley. Three siblings, Robert H. Ridley, Jr., Jack M. Ridley and Sara Ridley Carroll, preceded her in death. Lillie received her education in Brunswick County and graduated *magna cum laude* from St. Paul's College in 1946.

While attending St. Paul's College, she met James Lawrence Myrick of Portsmouth, Virginia. They married in 1945 and Lillie moved with her husband to Portsmouth where she lived for sixty years. Two daughters and a son were born to this union.

Lillie accepted Christ at an early age. When she moved to Portsmouth, she immediately joined Third Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Jordan and his wife, Mary Agnes, she became a charter member and the first president of the C. H. Jordan Crusaders Club and served in this capacity for 47 years. Lillie's work with the Crusaders epitomized the term "labor of love". She spearheaded many, many fundraisers—summer bazaars, plays, dinner sales and musical concerts. Lillie also sponsored social outings; she particularly enjoyed sponsoring trips to Williamsburg to see the outdoor drama, "The Common Glory". She took enormous pride in her work with the Crusaders and the contributions this group made to the ministries of Third Baptist Church. In addition to her work with the Crusaders, Lillie was an active participant in other church activities including Vacation Bible School and Junior Missionaries.

When James Myrick died unexpectedly in 1961, Lillie became a young widow with three children. In order to improve her family's circumstances, Lillie entered the work force in 1962 and secured a position as a military pay clerk at the Norfolk Naval Base where she worked until her retirement in 1987. During her employment, she received several commendations for excellence.

As a parent, Lillie held her children to high standards. She demanded excellence in academics and in life. She extolled the virtues of hard work and led by example. She was a firm disciplinarian but she was also fierce in defense of her children. Lillie had a strong sense of right and wrong and imparted her moral code to her children. She was also the proudest and most indulgent grandmother you have ever seen.

Declining health necessitated relocation to Winston-Salem in 2005 where she resided until her passing.

On August 14, 2010, Lillie Mae Ridley Myrick's earthly journey ended at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. Left to rejoice in her memory are two daughters, Yvonne V. Myrick and Janet Myrick (Charlie) Wall of Winston-Salem, NC; one son, James Lawrence (Rhonda) Myrick, Jr. of Bowie, MD; two granddaughters, Jerlil L. Myrick of Clinton, MD and Denise C. Wall of Winston-Salem, NC; one grandson, David C. Wall of Winston-Salem, NC; two brothers, Edward L. (Florence) Ridley of Lanham, MD and Francis R. (Shirley) Ridley of Clinton, MD; four sisters, Lillian Ridley Thomas of Emporia, VA, Esther Ridley Lee of Covington, VA, Nancy Ridley Bishop of College Park, MD, and Doris Ridley Patrick of Lanham, MD; fourteen nieces and nephews, fifteen great nieces and great nephews and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee
God wanted me now. He set me free.*

Pallbearers

Active

*Melvin Francis
Glen Francis
Barry Elliott*

*Wade Wall
Robert Williams
Lenwood Moody*

Honorary

*Bernard Bishop, Jr.
Edward Ridley, Jr.
Derrick Ridley, Sr.
Gregory Ridley*

*Darren Coleman
Robert Ridley, III
Jack Ridley, Jr.*

Flowerbearers

C. H. Jordan Crusaders

Acknowledgement

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude to all of you for the kindness extended during this difficult time. We sincerely appreciate your presence, cards, floral tributes, prayers and contributions. Your love and support have helped to sustain us during the illness and passing of our loved one. May God bless and keep each of you.

The Family of Lillie Mae Ridley Myrick

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