



*A virtuous woman who taught us well.  
She will remain forever in our hearts.*



**Flower Attendants**

Family and Friends

**Pall Bearers**

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**Acknowledgements**

We are especially grateful to God for the time we had with our loving matriarch and for every prayer.

Special thanks to our Friendship Baptist Church family, the many organizations of which she was a member, and her WSSU "Ramily".

**The Family**



In lieu of flowers, please make donations to:  
**The Mildred Roseboro Griffin Scholarship Fund**  
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*Honoring  
the Life of*



*Mrs. Mildred Roseboro Griffin*

May 13, 1935 ~ May 29, 2022

*"God loves you, so do I.  
And there's nothing you can do about it."*



Saturday, June 4, 2022

11:30 AM

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
1317 Cherry Street

Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105

Reverend Zelda Johnson, Officiant  
Reverend Ardeal Roseboro, Eulogist

## *Between the Dash*

**Mildred Geraldine Roseboro Griffin** was the third child of eleven, born on May 13, 1935, to the late Earl and Ruth Roseboro in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She completed God's assignments and passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2022.

She attended the public schools of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. Mildred was a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She received her Master's Degree in Education from North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina.

A teacher in the local school system for over 47 years, she also served as a mentor to new teachers. She was affiliated with many civic and educational organizations, including of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rho Zeta Chapter; Gamma Phi Delta; Sickle Cell Board; Society for the Study of African-American History; National, State, and Local Chapters of Parent Teacher Association; National Education Association (NEA); NCAE and FCAE; NC and local Retired School Personnel; National, State AARP; Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association WSSU Brown Alumni Chapter; WSSU-Hoops, Inc.; NAACP; Coalition for Drug Prevention; National Association of University Women; National Council of Negro Women; and Rural Hall Women Achievers.

Mildred was a consummate volunteer, participating in numerous programs and activities at the local, state, and national levels, serving as a volunteer for the Shepherd's Center, providing transportation for medical appointments and grocery shopping. She was a tutorial volunteer for the Roseboro Family Students, Hanes Middle School, Whitaker Elementary, just to name a few. She taught Adult Basic Education/GED (1971-2000) at Forsyth Technical Community College.

She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church, where she served as Director of Vacation Bible School, Co-Director of the Baptist Training Union, President of the Cathedral Choir, member of The Sunday School, President of the Women's Council, and the Editor of the church newsletter, "The Friend-Ship".

Her honors and awards include, but are not limited to: Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association Hall of Distinction; Urban League Volunteer of the Year 2008; four-time recipient of the North Carolina Association of Educators – Martin Luther King Teaching Award; two-time recipient of the North Carolina Association of Educators Human Relations Award; Winston-Salem Forsyth County Retired School Personnel Volunteer Award; Effort Club of New Bethel Baptist Church as a Race Progress Promoter Volunteer Award; Jefferson Award 1996 – Winston-Salem Journal; 7 Over Seventy Award – City of Winston-Salem; Teacher of the Year 1999 Konnoak Elementary School.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Griffin; two sons, Michael and James Griffin; daughter, Thailia Griffin Mercer; brothers: Harold "John", Eugene, and Audrey Roseboro; sister Alice Roseboro.

She is survived by sons: Fernandez "Bumpy", Mark and Derrick Griffin; daughter, Charlene Roseboro; grandchildren, Darren, Samita, India, James, Wayne, Marquisia, Alexia, Jordan, Michael Anthony, Marcus, Dominic, Derrick; great-grandchildren, MaKayla, Aylana, Kannijah, Mandison, Londyn, Kamorii, Raheim, Ma'Lani; daughter-in-law, Joan Griffin; three brothers, Rev. Ardeal (Dianne), Curtis "Breadman" and Samuel Roseboro; sisters, Azalee Vinson, Bertha Parks and Robbie Allen; brothers-in-law, William and Willie Griffin; sisters-in-law, Viola Roseboro, Stella Imos, Carol Griffin; nieces and nephews; a special nephew, Clevevell Roseboro; many cousins; and a special cousin, William Harris.

## *The Order of Service*

### **Procession of the Family**

Musical Prelude

### **Family Visitation**

10:30 AM ~ 11:30AM

### **Selection**

"How Great Thou Art"

### **Scripture**

*Old Testament*

Rev. Paul Lowe

*New Testament*

Rev. Travist Hunter

### **Selection**

"A City Called Heaven"

### **Prayer**

Rev. Kevin Gibson

### **Special Tributes**

NC Representative Amber Baker

### **Selection**

"My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord"

### **Church Resolution**

Family

Mr. Clevevell Roseboro

Children

Mr. Fernandez Griffin

Grandchildren

Ms. India Reaves

### **Community Resolution**

Mr. BJ Simmons

Ms. Deloris Ginyard McGregor

### **Eulogy**

Rev. Ardeal Roseboro

### **Benediction**

Rev. Zelda Johnson

### **Recessional**

Musical Postlude

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

### **Graveside Rites**

James H. Young #592 Order of the Eastern Star

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rho Zeta Chapter

## *A Phenomenal Woman*

### **Mother**

*We had a wonderful mother,  
One who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine,  
And her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful mother,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure  
She will like what she sees.*

*Author Unknown*



### **If I Can Help Somebody**

*If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
If I can show somebody that they're travelling wrong,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*Chorus:*

*Then my living shall not be in vain,  
No my living shall not be in vain  
If I can help somebody as I go along,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duties as a good man ought,  
If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought,  
If I can share love's message like the Master taught,  
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*Alma Androzzo*