



The Elect Lady, Minnie L. Ruggs

September 3, 1951 - February 25, 2010

Minnie grew up in and loved the church. She was soundly grounded in the “Pentecostal persuasion” and through the years became increasingly more in love with the Word of God.

She arrived in Missouri in 1989 and quickly started working in First Jurisdiction – Eastern Missouri Church of God In Christ for nearly seventeen years. She willingly assisted in many jurisdictional endeavors which culminated in outstanding results. Upon the growth of Divine Deliverance Church Ministries (world wide) her reach exceeded the shores. She loved Godly fellowship with the saints and to be in the midst of the anointing.

She was born in Snyder, Ok and later moved to Lawton. Ok where she graduated from Eisenhower High School. Minnie later matriculated to Cameron University where she majored in psychology and was on the Dean’s List. She lived in Oklahoma City, Ok for a short period of time and with her sister Louise. Her family, nieces, and nephews presented her with great joy and fulfillment. She was noted for her kindness, being firm but fair, and having the gift of telling you what you really needed to know but always in the spirit of sincerity, kindness, and love. She was a source of profound strength and encouragement to many. She projected a quiet strength, wisdom, and resolve.

Minnie worked as a medical secretary for Dr. Owens of Lawton and in the

prestigious Halliburton Oil Legal Services located in Duncan, Ok for seven years. She later gave up this career to travel with her spouse to Turkey, Greece and other exotic places. Later she used her knowledge, skills and abilities in accounting and management to function as owner and Chief Accounting Officer of Hillside Counseling Center and Divine Deliverance Counseling Center and an adolescent boy's group home. She enjoyed traveling, dining out, and being around people that were attempting something positive. She was a lady of distinction and excellence who allowed the Spirit of God to direct her in all things.

Mrs. Ruggs had many unique gifts to include ministering to the rejected and lost. She had a special touch that always made things better. Often, after they had recovered from their brokenness, they moved on but she was waiting for the next ministering opportunity. She was noted for moving through the midst of the Holy Spirit with renowned poise and grace. Minnie always ensured that her guests and visitors experienced the hospitality of the ministry. She orchestrated seminars, workshops and a host of other forums. Sister Ruggs' culinary ability was legendary.

Evangelist Ruggs, destined to lead, was "third generation" Church Of God In Christ. Her first, "First Lady" experience was in Smyrna and she was an anointed, called and chosen vessel of God. Minnie championed civil and human rights issues and was a "Life Member" of the NAACP. She also labored in numerous church auxiliaries to include the Building Fund, Pastor's Aide, Prayer and Bible Band, Young People Willing Workers, Sunshine Band, Sunday School, Pastors and Elders Wives Council, and numerous others. She was a working leader. Her amazing leadership ability was preceded by her ability to follow. Blessed and chosen by God, she sojourned to the "Seven Churches of Asia Minor", was on the Isle of Patmos on the Lord's Day, and spent two years in the area of the seven churches gleaming the treasures of God.

She meant so much, to so many that it is literally impossible to find the prose, accolades or otherwise express what she has achieved in the breath of this life: She was our heart.

She was preceded in death by her loving older sister Louise and later by her father Alfred Milligan

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Divine Deliverance Church
100 S. Bates Street
Waynesville, MO

Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of The Elect Lady, Minnie L. Ruggs*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Elect Lady, Minnie L. Ruggs*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of sister Ruggs. My prayers go out to you and the family. Sister Dent just happens to call us tonight and she mentions it to us. I will always have you in my prayers. You will always be apart of my family and ministry. Love you always . Pastor and first lady Capers.
You can contact us @ 843- 846-4015.##imported-begin##Pastor Walter Capers##imported-end##*

September 06, 2010 at 09:22 PM



“ Dr. Ruggs, Words can not express the sadness we felt upon searching the internet to reconnect with you and Lady Minnie. We typed in the church's name and the obituary came up. Please know that we wish we could go back in time to the days when we sat at the feet of both of you and learned as Deacon and Sister Pickett. We didn't realize at the time that God would call us into the ministry. We shall never forget the two of you. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to you as we remember the love between the two of you. Please take comfort in knowing that your sons and daughters in the ministry all over the world are praying for you.
Deepest Sympathy,
Pastor Craig Pickett and Lady Patricia Pickett Breakthrough Ministries COGIC Concord, NC##imported-begin##Pastor and Missionary Craig Pickett Sr.##imported-end##

June 21, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ We are greatly saddened by the lost of our step mother. We pray that the most high Yahweh will comfort our father in his time of sorrow. Dad we are praying for you love always your son Clifton Ruggs and family.##imported-begin##Clifton and Tysa Ruggs##imported-end##

May 14, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ First Lady left a legacy of hospitality, excellence, and love. She was a walking definition of Proverbs 31. I will ever miss her wisdom, encouragement, and most of all her poise. She taught me many life lessons, and I'll never forget...##imported-begin##Shaleea Moore##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 09:13 AM



“ My prayers are with you. May God bless you.##imported-begin##Cheryl Herbert##imported-end##

March 13, 2010 at 10:02 AM



“ My prayers are with you during your bereavement. Paul wrote the Philippian church For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. Aunt Minnie has now gained what God has promised all those that love Him. ... Eternal Life. May God continue bless you and smile upon you. Because of Christ, your nephew Rev Gerald M Laster, Pastor St. Luke Baptist Church Pittsburgh, Pa.##imported-begin##Rev Gerald M Laster##imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 11:33 PM



“ Dr. Ruggs;

Our prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate and grieve the home going of Ms. Ruggs.

What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why MS. Ruggs left this earth so soon, or why she left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that she died, but that she lived. And that her life gave memories too beautiful to forget##imported-begin##Clyde and Mary Williams - Marshall, MO##imported-end##

March 06, 2010 at 10:19 PM



“ Bishop Ruggs (Dr)

Sir: We thank God for you and Mother Ruggs! For the Miller family blooming in your gardening. Now our God has "Hand Picked" Mother Ruggs, a beautiful flower for His garden. We love you Sir. (One of your Spiritual Sons and Daughters).

Pastor Cleveland Miller & Divine Faith Ministry & Your Texas Connection##imported-begin##Pastor & Evangelist Miller##imported-end##

March 06, 2010 at 10:11 AM



“ Bishop Ruggs,

We extend to you and the family of Mother Minnie Ruggs our heartfelt sympathy. Weeping may endure for a night, joy cometh in the morning.

Trust God for your comfort during your hours of breavement.

May God Bless you and keep you in his care.

*Pastor and Sister James & Ella Fuller,
St. Paul Miracle Temple C.O.G.I.C.##imported-
begin##Superintendent, Elder James B. Fuller##imported-end##*

March 05, 2010 at 02:45 PM



“ *Dr. Ruggs,
My prays are with you. Mother Ruggs will be greatly missed. With
the help of God, Pray and time will heal your broken heart.*

Cast all your cares upon the Lord and trust Him ease you pains.

May God bless you and keep you in his care.

*District Missionary Boyd###imported-begin##Distict Missionary
Josephine Gale-Boyd###imported-end##*

March 05, 2010 at 02:35 PM



“ *We pray God's consolation and strength to the family during their
time of bereavement.###imported-begin##Benji & Bernadette
Hagans ###imported-end##*

March 03, 2010 at 09:44 PM



“ *Mother Ruggs,*

*I know God has you present with Him. You will always be in our
memories...*

Pastor Ruggs, stay strong in the Lord...

We Love you all Truely

*DeTonney Jean Miller Brooks and Family###imported-
begin##DeTonney Jean Miller Brooks and Family###imported-end##*

March 03, 2010 at 05:24 PM



“ Dear Nephew,
Your aunts and uncles in Ohio are so very sorry to hear of Minnie's homegoing. We have been unable to reach you to offer our condolences. Please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. May God bless you and Minnie's family during these very trying times.

Love ,
Aunt Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Ruggs
Meacham##imported-end##

March 03, 2010 at 05:13 PM



“ Brother Ruggs, we remember you and thank God for you and Minnie's ministry to our family in the early nineties.##imported-begin##Pastor Mike and Sister Renee Higgins##imported-end##

March 02, 2010 at 10:52 AM



“ My condolence to the Ruggs Family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jackie Williams##imported-end##

March 02, 2010 at 10:10 AM



“ We had so much respect for the 1st Lady's commitment to her God, her church, and her husband. Her dedication to ministry was superb, and her disposition was always sweetness shrouded in humility. She will be greatly missed.

The Parks'##imported-begin##ELD Chris & Dr. Leticia
Parks##imported-end##

March 02, 2010 at 01:27 AM



“ Our deepest symphathy to you Pastor Ruggs and Mr. & Ms. Diggs. We will continue to keep you in our prayers that the Lord will strenghten you in this trying time. God Bless You.

Renee Mallory (Dent) Family##imported-begin##Renee Mallory (Dent) & Family##imported-end##

March 01, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ Greetings Bishop Ruggs. The Alexander family wants to let you know that you are in our prayers. We were deeply sadden to hear about our beloved Lady Ruggs passing on to glory. We love you! Rev. Dr. Trevor Alexander, Overseer & Pastor Emma Alexander True Vine Church San Antonio, Texas##imported-begin##Overseer Trevor & Pastor Emma Alexander##imported-end##

February 28, 2010 at 11:09 PM



“ Dr. Ruggs and family: My prayers and thoughts are with you all during the loss of your loved one Prophetess Minnie Ruggs. May the peace of God continue to be with you knowing she is feasting in the Lord's presence.

*Elder Mary Ann Pulley and Family
The Rolla Area "Phelps County" NAACP##imported-begin##Elder Mary Ann Pulley##imported-end##*

February 28, 2010 at 04:09 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your lovely wife. Mrs. Ruggs had such a quiet strength. She touched many lives and will be missed and remembered for the service she gave to others. To Dr. Ruggs and family, may you find the strength you need, may you hold close the memories you cherish, and may you know the gentle peace that comes from faith. Joshua & Anita Russell##imported-begin##Joshua and Anita Russell##imported-end##

February 27, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ My prayers are with you and your family in this time of great sadness. Thanks be to God for the glorious life of Mrs. Ruggs. What an elegant lady and sweet friend. May God's love sustain you and your family.##imported-begin##Valerie Shaw##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 06:46 PM



“ May God comfort you in your time of grief as only he can. You are in my prayers. Deacon Freeman##imported-begin##Deacon Kerry D.and Chantea Freeman Sr.##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 05:28 PM



“ Please accept my condolences at the passing of Elect Lady Ruggs. I pray you will be strengthened daily by the Holy Spirit. May you find comfort in the legacy of such of mighty woman of God.##imported-begin##Evangelist Michelle McCollum##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 12:54 PM



“ Our prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Dee Mills##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 10:29 AM



“ Our prayers our with the family.##imported-begin##Anthony & Jamelle Hughley##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 12:38 AM



“ Dr. Ruggs,
We are so sorry to hear of Mrs. Ruggs death, but we know she has gone to be with the Lord. We will lift you up in prayer and plan to physically be there to support you. God bless and keep you in your time of trouble.

Your Friends,

Lonnie & Mary Ratliff##imported-begin##Lonnie and Mary Ratliff##imported-end##

February 25, 2010 at 10:15 PM



“ We, your NAACP family is saddened by the loss of your wife and our NAACP friend. Our love is extended to you, as you cross this most difficult hurdle, but I know I need not tell you that God will provide you the leaning post to lean on during this difficult period. We offer our sincere sympathy.

Respectfully Yours,

*Mary A. Ratliff, President Missouri NAACP State
Conference##imported-begin##Mary A. Ratliff##imported-end##*

February 25, 2010 at 10:07 PM



“ May God walk beside you doing this time of mourning as He has doing our times of happiness. The True Light Temple family extend our hands to assist you in anyway that we can. We are all in His hands.##imported-begin##True Light Temple C.O.G.I.C##imported-end##

February 25, 2010 at 08:51 PM