



Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber

April 6, 1924 - May 14, 2016

Mary Dorothea Rodgers Kimber quickly transitioned from earthly labor to her heavenly reward on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 3:50 p.m.

Mary

"Dee" leaves a legacy of fruitful labor that included decades of service to her family,

her church, and her community.

Miss Mary, Mae Dee, Dee-Dee as she was affectionately called was born on April 6, 1924 in the Cherry Lane Community of Pitt County to Frank

Wooten and Estella Rodgers. She was a graduate of C. M. Eppes High School Class

of 1944 and attended A. and T. College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mary "Dee" Kimber was a Living Legend having given more than 50 years of dedicated christian service to Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

She rendered faithful and untiring support to the Willing Workers, the Homeless

Shelter Ministry, and more recently the Senior Christian Fellowship at Sycamore

Hill and throughout the county.

Mary Dee enjoyed a successful career first with the East Carolina University Dietary Department then retiring after many years of service with the Alcoholic

Rehabilitation Center in its Department of Food Services. She was an excellent homemaker who enjoyed cooking and shopping. She had a wonderful sense of style--for after all-- she was from "Downtown." She had an infectious smile and a willingness to stop and talk, and talk, and talk. She could really hold a conversation.

Mary R. Kimber exhibited a quiet strength especially displayed during the urban renewal of "Downtown" in the 1960's and during the flood crisis of 1999 when her family was displaced. Mae Dee was such a loving caretaker of her mother the late Estella Rodgers Goodwin who passed away on May 7, 2010 at 106 years of age.

Mary Dee was preceded in death by her parents, her grandson Yaphett Wiggins, and her sister Thelma Rodgers.

Mary Dee leaves to cherish fond memories: two daughters, Terry Kimber Claiborne of Greenville and Sharon Kimber of the home; one son, Ronald Kimber of Durham; two grandsons Toure Claiborne and his wife Sandra of Rolling Meadows, Illinois and Malik Wiggins of Durham; three great grandchildren, Zoie Claiborne and Zachary Claiborne of Rolling Meadows, Illinois and Deshaun Parker of Suffolk, Virginia; one brother, William H. Rodgers of Washington, D. C., one loving and devoted aunt, Helen Mooring of Greenville; three nieces, Gennise Rodgers and Rochelle Rodgers of Washington, D. C. and Belinda Rodgers Charles of Charlotte. Other relatives and dear friends also mourn her passing, cherish her

memory, and continue her legacy

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Terry, Ronald and Sharon,*

I have many fond memories of your Mom from Downtown to her current residence. She was a good friend to my Mom and our family. She could cook some good greens and made a mean chocolate cake. I'm sure you will miss her, but her legacy lives on in each of you. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Fondly,

Agnes Streeter Abston

Agnes Abston - June 01, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 31, 2016 at 10:35 AM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber*



Gayle Hardy - May 20, 2016 at 08:35 PM

BT

“ *Ronald, Terry and Sharon she's in HIS arms now and at peace. My mom, Rosa and your mom and grandma were extremely close. Your mom was the earthly connection I still had to my mom, but what I NEED you all to know is that she, Mrs. Mary Kimberly, is now a member of THE STAR LINEUP. HE allowed me to see space made with arms held open to receive my mom and now there are smiles, no tears as your mom takes her PLACE. She is that NEW star shinning down on all of us. Be blessed, her light is shining on to guide to light your path.*

Betty Thomas, loved her dearly.

Betty Thomas - May 19, 2016 at 09:29 AM

RJ

“ *Robert Barrier, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber*



Robert Barrier, Jr. - May 18, 2016 at 10:05 PM

RG

“ Sorry for your loss. May all have comfort from Jehovah God. (Isaiah 25:8)

Robyn G. - May 18, 2016 at 07:29 PM

RC

“ R Claiborne purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber.



R Claiborne - May 18, 2016 at 02:41 PM

RC

“ Terry, Ronald and Sharon at such a time as this I extend my heartfelt sympathy to each one of you on the occasion of the transition of your beloved mother, and my ex mother-in-law. I realize my words may seem inadequate as you grieve the loss of the woman who birthed each one of you. Please acknowledge I'm praying for each of you and remember, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Also acknowledge that Mrs. Mary Dorothea Rodgers Kimber, also know as "Mary Dee" has moved, for she received a call from God, the Chief Architect and He informed her that her mansion was now complete, and she would move in. The angels have gotten her mansion ready and her new address is now on Heavenly Lane and Well Done Boulevard.

Ron Claiborne, SW Washington, DC

R Claiborne - May 18, 2016 at 02:13 PM

MF

“ *Marsha Maye Foxx lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber*



Marsha Maye Foxx - May 18, 2016 at 08:05 AM

MF

Ready enjoy talking with Ms Mae Dee when I ran into her. She never forgot that I was Mary daughter. She was as real as they come and I love that about her. She will be miss

Marsha Maye Foxx - May 18, 2016 at 08:07 AM

JF

“ *James & Rachel Hicks & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber*



James & Rachel Hicks & Family - May 18, 2016 at 07:27 AM

RF

“ *To: The Family of Mary Rodgers Kimber,
We were shocked to learn of the passing of your mother. However, we will always remember the kindness your mother exhibited when we visited North Carolina. She extended her hospitality to our family and we enjoyed the wonderful conversation especially about what happened in North Carolina "back in the day". Please know that God knows best and everything is going to be alright. We will keep your family in prayer and will definitely stay in contact.*

Rachel & James Hicks & Family - May 18, 2016 at 07:18 AM

JY

“ *The family have my deepest sympathy.* ”



James Boot Yarrell - May 18, 2016 at 02:10 AM

DF

“ *David & Alpharadia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber* ”



David & Alpharadia Foreman - May 17, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Rodgers Kimber.* ”



May 17, 2016 at 10:32 AM

JK

“ Mrs. Kimber was a very delightful person who knew no "strangers". She had a magnetic personality that was comparable to none. We enjoyed each other's company at the Christian Senior Fellowship meetings. We would often sit at the same table together. I will never forget our last meeting in April. I will truly miss her smile and outgoing personality. The Senior Christian Fellowship has lost a faithful member and Sycamore hill has lost another soldier on the battlefield of life. Terry, my prayers are with you and your family at this time.
Joyce King

Joyce King - May 17, 2016 at 09:57 AM