

## *Pallbearers*

Emmanuel Branch  
Eric Tomlison  
Dale Robinson  
Robert Rice

Clark Brown  
Claude Gallman  
Marvin Hicks  
Willie Carnell Branch

*When God saw the road was getting long  
The hills were getting harder to climb  
He gently closed his weary eyes  
And whispered . . . .  
Peace Be Thine.*

## *Words of Appreciation*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and many other expressions of kindness and concern shown to us at this difficult time.*

*May God bless each of you.*

*Family and friends are invited to return to 617 M Street, N.E. following interment for fellowship and a repast.*

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*Arranged by*  
**John T. Rhines Funeral Home**  
3030 12th Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C.

*In Loving Memory  
of*

***Mary H. Merritt***

*February 19, 1927 - October 11, 1992*



Saturday, October 17, 1992

11:00 A.M.

**JOHN T. RHINES CHAPEL**  
3015 Twelfth Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C.

*Elder Charles Thomas - Officiating*

## Obituary

Mary Helen Merritt, was born on February 19, 1927 in Burgaw, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Willie and Annie Branch.

Mrs. Merritt attended the Pender County School System and graduated from C.F. Pope High School in Burgaw, N.C. She joined New Hope Baptist Church at an early age and was a dedicated member until moving to Washington, D.C. in 1967.

On December 28, 1951, Mary met and later married the late James C. Merritt and from that union, they raised one child, Raymond T. Merritt.

Upon moving to Washington, D.C., Mary enrolled in North Capital Beauty Institute, where she graduated and became a licensed beautician. She later became a member of the Delta Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma Sorority and the National Beauticians League. Due to health reasons Mary was forced to retire from her profession in 1987.

After a brief illness, the Lord called Mary Helen to come and be with Him on October 11, 1992

Mary leaves beautiful memories of good times to her son, Raymond T. Merritt; her daughter-in-law, Regina Merritt; her sisters, Violet Mercer, Lottie Johnson, and Jessie Johnson; her brothers, Baron Merritt, McKinley Merritt, and Willie T. Branch; and a host of relatives and friends.

*Her absence will be sorely felt, tempered only by the knowledge that we know she is now at peace.*

*FROM HER SON-  
Mom, I love you  
But God loves you best  
I won't feel sad,  
I'll be happy  
Because I know you'll be  
Happy with the Lord.*

## Order of Service

*Prelude*

*Family Processional*

*Scripture*

*Prayer*

*Acknowledgements*

*Obituary - Silent Reading*

*Eulogy*

*Recessional*

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*INTERMENT*

*Harmony Memorial Park  
Landover, Maryland*

