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community affairs. She was a member of the Club, the Caswell Nash Chapter of the DAR, and the Woman's Club.

It is a fact that Ella Belinda Lovell Hall passed our
MARVIN VICK

PARKER EDWARDS

896-1969

Williamston, N. C. on December 13, 1896, the daughter of Her mother was Mattie Barrow Parker and her father was Robert Grandison Lee Edwards who served as pastor in the North Carolina Conference until death on July 20, 1957. Not only was Mrs. Edwards a wife of a minister and the daughter of one, she was also the sister of one. The Rev. A. S. Parker, pastor and living in Raleigh, survives her. Her other children are L. B. Parker of Raleigh, preceded her in death many years ago. She is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. L. Gore II of Rockingham, and two granddaughters, Mrs. G. Rhett Spencer III of Indian Head, Maryland and Mrs. Claudia Edwards Gore, a student at Meredith College in Raleigh.

Mrs. Parker Edwards was a natural born teacher and contributed her talents to the classrooms of many children. She and her husband served various N. C. parishes. She was also a talented musician, having won a scholarship to College upon her graduation. She also studied piano at Duke University. She played piano with ability in general whenever and wherever her husband and she served.

After her husband's death, she continued teaching, her last position being in Raleigh where she taught for five years.

She returned to make her home with her daughter, Clyde, in Raleigh and there and enjoyed her association with the church. Although she kept her membership at Layden Methodist Church at her husband's home, she nurtured and established as his

she came suddenly as she was visiting a friend in Raleigh on November 2, 1968. Funeral services were conducted at the Home Chapel by her friend, the Rev. B. B. Phillips. She was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery. A memorial written in her honor by a fellow member might be an appropriate closing: "As the yellow leaves fall to our surroundings before winter comes, so she has been in her presence."

CLYDE EDWARDS GORE (Daughter)

RUTH STANTON MERCER

1907-1968

Mrs. Ruth Stanton Mercer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stanton of Stantonsburg, North Carolina, was born August 9, 1907. Here she spent her childhood and youth and received her early education. Upon finishing her education in the school of the local community, she pursued her later studies at Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee, and East Carolina University at Greenville, North Carolina.



She married the Rev. S. E. Mercer on March 16, 1935, during the time he was pastor at the Stantonsburg Methodist Church. In 1936, she and Mr. Mercer served in the appointment at the Franklinton Methodist Church for thirteen years and then moved to the Zebulon-Wendell Charge, serving there for six years, from 1949 to 1954, where Mr. Mercer was serving at the time of his death on November 22, 1954. He was buried in the Stantonsburg Cemetery. Mrs. Mercer was all that could be desired as a minister's wife. She labored with distinction by the side of her husband during the years of his ministry. She was a husband helper, a gracious hostess, an eager and earnest assistant in all of the work of the church.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Mercer returned to her native home in Stantonsburg, where she was an active member in all activities of the church until her

sudden death on November 25, 1968. At the time of her death she was serving as a member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

Funeral services were conducted in the Stantonsburg United Methodist Church on November 27, 1968, by the pastor, Rev. Ray Sparrow. Interment was in the Stantonsburg Cemetery. Both she and her husband loved the following poem by Tennyson:

Sunset and evening star,
 and one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
 When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
 Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from the boundless deep
 Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
 And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
 When I embark;
For though from out our bourne of time and place
 The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
 When I have crossed the bar.

ANNIE L. STANTON (Sister)

MRS. ANNIE LUNSFORD YEARBY

1875-1968

Annie Lunsford Yearby was born in Durham, N. C. on November 10, 1875. It was here that she spent her childhood and youth. She graduated from Trinity College, now Duke University. She died on December 8, 1968.

On November 11, 1900, she married Norman Clyde Yearby, and to this union there were born three children: Norman Lunsford, James Thompson and Laura Elizabeth (now Mrs. W. L. Turner), all of whom are living.

For forty years Mrs. Yearby served with her husband in the North Carolina Conference. His appointments were: Mebane (twice), Roxboro, Leesburg, Mount Gilead, Hert-