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MRS. BEATRICE MARTIN McKENZIE, a resident of Ettrick, VA, passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2007, in the Colonial Heights Health Care Center. The daughter of the late Rev. Dr. John A. and Mrs. Jugurtha Watkins Martin, she was born in Capesville, VA, on the Eastern Shore, but was reared in Bristol, VA. She attended the Public Schools of Bristol and graduated from Douglass High School. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Physical Education from Bennett College, Greensboro, NC, and the Master of Science degree in Guidance from Virginia State College (University). Her teaching career began in English and Physical Education at the Christianburg Institute, Christiansburg, VA. Other teaching experiences included Peabody High School as Physical Education Teacher, Activities Sponsor and Guidance Counselor. She coached the "Peabody Lionettes" Basketball Team, winning both the seasonal and the district championship in the years of 1950-1953. She retired as Chairman of the Guidance Department at Petersburg High School in 1988.

Upon moving to Petersburg, Mrs. McKenzie transferred her membership from the Lee Street Baptist Church of Bristol, VA to the Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. McKenzie was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters; two nieces. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Richard McKenzie; one sister, Mary M. Clark

of Colonial Heights, nieces, nephews, sister-in-law, god-children, cousins, students, friends, and very special friends. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Andrew J. White, Sr., officiating.









the Lord on Wednesday, December 26, 2007. She was born in Sussex County June 21, 1921 to the late Patrick and Mary Moore Massenburg of Homeville, VA. She was predeceased by her husband Ben Tillman Turner. She gave her life to Christ at an early age and joined Wilborne Baptist Church and later joined Zion Baptist Church in Petersburg. Emily graduated from Sussex County Training School and earned a B.S. in Home Economics from Virginia State University. She earned a Master's in Guidance and Counseling and later attended Virginia Tech and earned an Advanced Graduate Studies Certificate after completing her course work toward a Doctorate Degree.

She started her teaching career at Sussex Training School. Then, she taught at Peabody High School

for twenty plus years and later became a Guidance Counselor at Matoaca High School and Monacan High School. After spending thirty plus years in education she retired from Chesterfield Public Schools. In 1999, when she could no longer live alone, her niece moved her to the perfect home, Chippendale Retirement Community in Richmond, VA.

Mrs. Turner is survived by her stepson Tillman Leon Turner his his wife Jeanette, two grandchildren, and many other devoted family members and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Baptist Church, with Dr. Andrew J. White, Sr., officiating.

