

Burke Pastor Death Victim

MORGANTON— The Rev. John Roscoe Burgess of 510 Bouchelle Street, Morganton, pastor of two Baptist churches and an organizer with the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO), is dead at the age of 72.

Death came unexpectedly at 11:45 o'clock Thursday night.

The Rev. Mr. Burgess, pastor of Glade Creek Baptist Church in Pisgah Forest and Macedonia Baptist Church in Morganton, was also an out-reach worker in the senior citizens program of the OEO.

Born In WNC

The Rev. Mr. Burgess, born in Jackson County Sept. 2, 1898, the son of the late John Arthur and Rebecca Bryson Burgess, Ministerial Association of Burke County and of the Usher Board Union of Western North Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Burgess; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Hattie Glenn and Mrs. Frances Howell, both of Morganton; three brothers, Henry Bryson of Columbus, Ohio, Alvin Bryson of North Wilkesboro and George Ledford of Trenton, N.J.; three sisters, Mrs. Berta M. Allen and Mrs. Odelia Harbison, both of Morganton, and Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Trenton, N.J.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Monday

The funeral will be conducted at Slades Chapel, Morganton, at three o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. J.H. Smith, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Sylva.

Burial will be in Olive Hill Cemetery, Morganton.

The body will remain at Ebony Funeral Home, Morganton, until placed in the church one hour prior to the funeral time.

The family will receive at Ebony's from seven until eight o'clock Sunday night.

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