

A Celebration Of The Life Of
Rev. Selma P.H. White

Alpha
September 30, 1926

Omega
August 22, 2011



Friday, August 26, 2011

Viewing: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Omega Services (Delta Sigma Theta): 5:00 p.m.

Funeral: 6:00 p.m.

CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

420 West 145th Street • New York, NY 10031

Rev. Dr. Jessie T. Williams, Jr. - Pastor

Rev. Brenda Price - Officiating

Prof. Gregory Hopkins - Minister of Music

The Obituary

Rev. Selma Pernell Hickson White was born in Marion, South Carolina. She and her family migrated to New York City (East Harlem) when she was about six years old. Selma attend public schools, and on completing elementary schools, attended Central Needle Trades High School to pursue a career as a corset maker. Selma was baptized under the pastorate of Rev. Jacob A. Stark at People's Baptist Church in East Harlem. She was very active in the church as a Sunday School student, a choir member and as a missionary with her mother.

Selma met and married Samuel White and of that marriage three sons were born. Selma attended nursing school to upgrade her medical service skills and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for Lenox Hill Hospital for twenty-three years. Retiring only to care for her ailing mother full time. On the death of her mother in 1984 Selma received the call to the Gospel Ministry during membership at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Christ. There she was call into the Gospel Ministry. Selma attended the College of New Rochelle where she received the Bachelor's Degree in 1987. She then enrolled in the New York Theological Seminary. Selma completed her study and was ordained at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Christ, then joined Convent Avenue Baptist Church under Rev. C. Grant where she remained faithful until her health failed.

Rev. White was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Annie Hickson; her loving husband, Deacon Samuel White, her two sons, Samuel and Raymond White and her siblings, William, Warren, Joseph and Earl Hickson.

Rev. Selma P.H. White leaves to celebrate her life: her son, Robert White (Kim); her sister, Dr. Lola H. Langley-Anderson (Simon); aunt, Inez Williams; sisters-in-law, Barbara Hickson, Delaware and Zella Hickson Georgia. Left to mourn her are grandchildren, Robbie Samuel (Peppy), Camille, Dawn, Lynette, Shant'e, Michelle, Nic'hole, Stacey, Latrend, Teddy, Tyrone, Chassidy, Sadel, Raven and Chantelle; an adopted daughter, Sylvia Spears; Godchildren, Wilbur Wilson, Leslie, Audre and Jasmine; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives too numerous to mention; her devoted friend, Deacon Willard Tolson, her brothers and sisters in ministry, her sorority sisters at Delta Sigma Theta and her beloved Convent Avenue Baptist Church family; as well as her friends and neighbors at Esplanade Gardens.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy, Officials & Family

Selection

Prayer of Consolation Rev. James O. Stallings
Exec, American Baptist Churches
Metro New York

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - *Psalms 139: 1-10* Rev. Darren Hicks (*nephew*)

New Testament - John 14: 1-6 Bethel Assembly

Solo “*Amazing Grace*” Mrs. Dancy Hickson Holmes (*niece*)

Acknowledgements Bro. Lloyd Harrison, Church Clerk
Rev. James O. Stallings
Family and Friends

Meditation Selection Mr. Robert White (*son*)

Eulogy Rev. Brenda Price, Associate Minister
Convent Avenue Baptist Church

Final Viewing Newkirk Funeral Home

Recessional Clergy, Officials & Family



*Rev. Selma P.H. White will be entombed with
her beloved husband, Deacon Samuel White
at Mt. Holiness Memorial Park, Butler, NJ
until The Master comes.*

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

-unknown author



Together Again

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Rev. Selma P.H. White** wishes to thank each one of you for your calls, visits, gifts of love and allowing us to lean on your strength during our season of grief and loss.

May God bless and keep each of you now and always.

~ Blessings, The White and Langley Families

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