

*In Loving Memory of*

*Ruth Helena Thompson Davenport*

*Sunrise*  
*October 16, 1929*

*Sunset*  
*March 7, 2012*

**Homegoing Service**

*Wednesday, March 14, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.*

**METROPOLITAN AME ZION CHURCH**

140 Belmont Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey

***Reverend Nathaniel B. Legay, Officiating***

# Obituary

**Ruth Helena Davenport** was born on October 16, 1929, in Newberry, South Carolina. She was the fourth and eldest daughter of the late Sammie and Daisy Thompson.

Ruth attended school in Newberry and graduated from Drayton Street High School. At a young age she was baptized at Hannah Church in Newberry. In 1947, Ruth left Newberry and moved to Jersey City, New Jersey shortly afterwards she married William Davenport Sr. and from this union six children were born.

Ruth was a devoted mother and grandmother who not only raised her children but she raised her grandchildren, Shareef, Iesha, Sharron, Naheem Robinson and Michael Warren as well as helped raise many of her other grandchildren. Ruth was loved especially by her grandchildren she was affectionately called Granny and the grand's knew that she always made sure that they had a roof over their heads and food on the table.

Ruth was a member of Metropolitan AME Zion Church for over fifty years and served on the Nurses board for over twenty-five years. She was a faithful member and enjoyed working with the Nurses board and the junior pageants until her health declined.

She enjoyed traveling to Newberry, South Carolina during the summer months with the family to visit her mother, father and sister and she looked forward to her mother's delicious cakes and pies as well as Daisy Thompson's good down home cooking.

Ruth later worked with the Jersey City School District as a bus attendant for which she thoroughly enjoyed until she retired.

One of Ruth's favorite past times was going on bus trips to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

During the last few years of her life she lost her eye sight but was always upbeat and kept her sense of humor. Ruth enjoyed visits from her family especially when her sister, Mary and brother, William would visit and her brother-in-law, Solomon and sister-in-law, Laura Mae and niece, Lorraine (Honey) High. Ruth would say "what did you bring me."

After the death of her daughter, Debra this past year Ruth was cared for by her son, Richard and his wife, Elizabeth in Asbury Park, New Jersey. Richard has his own special name for his mom, Sally Jane for which she enjoyed. On October 16, 2011, some of her grandchildren, great grandchildren and niece were blessed to be able to celebrate her 83rd birthday and those memories will always be cherished.

Ruth was predeceased by her parents, husband, William Davenport Sr., daughter, Debra Davenport, son, Tyrone Davenport, brother, Otis Thompson, and two grandchildren, Keisha and Shanta Davenport.

Surviving to cherish Ruth's precious memory are: sons, Richard Arnold Davenport, Jareth Davenport, Kevin Davenport and Terrance Davenport; step-daughter, Loretta Vincent; brother, Bill Thompson; sister, Mary Thompson; grandchildren and great grandchildren, Iesha Robinson, Raheem Robinson, Shareef Robinson, Sharron Robinson, Lanita Givens, Shante Givens, Khalia Selby, Tyrone Davenport Sr., Shameika Cherry, Shanay Cherry, Terrance Davenport, Najay Davenport, Stephanie Davenport Gladney, Sharice Davenport, Emily Gladney, Gabielle Gladney, Tyrone Davenport, Jr., Tyshun Davenport, Brandon Davenport, Brianna Davenport, Blake Davenport, Elijah Bryan, Taren Bryan, Qusim Vera, Shannon Davenport, Jamal Braswell, Khali Miller, Jaylen , Zhane and Trinity Robinson, Jayden and Mya Holmes, Jamal and Joshua Braswell, Star Asia, Hatim and Jaelin Bryan, Stephan Bryan Sims and Hassir Sims; daughters-in-law, Elizabeth Jones Davenport, Minnie Davenport, Ivory Davenport, Darlene Givens, Lizonia Robinson, Karen Black, Vanessa Selby and Norma Cherry; nieces, Pamela Singleton, Sheila Johnson, Dolly Thompson, Rosie Byrd, Niecy Davenport, Bernadette, Tina, Yoland and Johnnie Mae Braddy; nephews, Gerard Ingram, Willie, Billy Hawkins and Michael, Allen and Jerome Davenport and Yogi Braddy; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Knowlin and Laura Davenport; brother-in-law, Solomon Davenport; and a host of cousins, extended family, friends and the Metropolitan AME Zion Church Family.

## ***A Praying Mother***

*The pain of you not being here seems too hard to bear your strong belief in the word of God and the power of prayer your unwavering faith in the Lord and that miracles do appear you lived your life faithfully and through your voice we learned to trust and believe and know that Jesus, is Real, Real, Real!*

*Thank You, Mommy, for being a praying mother  
Lovingly submitted  
Richard, Kevin and Jareth*

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their words do follow them"*

*Revelation 14:13*

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

Hymn of Praise ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Simon Dingle  
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Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Solo ..... “His Eyes Is On The Sparrow”  
Omar Brown

Acknowledgement ..... Rosemary Byrd

Obituary ..... Pamela Davenport-Singleton

The Eulogy ..... Reverend Nathaniel B. Legay  
Pastor, Metropolitan AME Zion Church

Recessional ..... “I’ll Fly Away”

## Interment

Arlington Cemetery  
Kearny, New Jersey

## Repast

Metropolitan AME Zion Church

# *A Mother's Love*

A mother's love is something that no one can explain  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns  
and it glows with all the  
beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...  
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

## **Pallbearers**

Sons, Nephews, Grandchildren

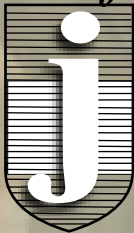
## **Acknowledgement**

*The Davenport family would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and prayers during this difficult time.*

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*Professional Services Entrusted To:*

*jackson funeral residence*



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