

Celebrating The Transition of
Ruth Cora (Barnett) James

From Life
July 20, 1920

To Life
August 27, 2012



Services

Friday, August 31, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Ruth Cora (Barnett) James was born in New York, on July 20, 1920 to the late Simon and Luvinia (Adams) Barnett. Ruth was raised in Belleville, NJ with her three siblings, Walter Barnett, Bernice (Barnett) Leak and Ulysses Barnett (all deceased). She attended Belleville Public Schools and graduated from Belleville High School in 1937.

Ruth was a very good student and loved to read and work crossword puzzles. Simon and Luvina raised their children in a Christian atmosphere. As a young girl, Ruth gave her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized at Second Baptist Church in Belleville, NJ under the leadership of the Rev. Albert Goldstein officiating. Later becoming the church musician for fifteen years.

During the Depression, Ruth worked for Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, NJ. She also assisted her mother with laundry work which helped keep the family afloat during this economic hardship.

In 1945, Ruth married Rev. Abraham Earvin James. This union produced six children, Winifred, Sylvia, , Anita, Bernice, Abraham, Jr., and Leonard. Rev. and Mrs. James



Have Faith, Jesus Never Fails

By Olive Eddy

*Have faith in God.
He knows and cares.
He sees thy tears.
He hears thy prayers.*

*His way is best,
"Twill always be.
Have faith, dear heart,
He loveth thee!*

*Have faith in God.
He knows the way
From earth's dark night
To heaven's day!*

*A faithful Guide
Our Lord shall be;
Have faith, dear heart,
He loveth thee!*

Gratitude

By Bert Sundberg

Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **Ruth Cora (Barnett) James** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.*

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established a home in Paterson, NJ where they raised their children. Ruth loved music and was extremely passionate regarding the old hymns if faith. She was an accomplished pianist and organist. In the late 1950s and early 60s, Ruth became the pianist/organist for forty years for Canaan Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ under the late Rev. Johns and current Pastor, Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham.

After her children became school age, Ruth pursued a profession in nursing. She graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing and earned certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She worked for Preakness Healthcare Systems for twenty years (1966-1987) before retiring from nursing in 1987. Upon her retirement, Rev. and Mrs. James relocated to Erie, PA, where they joined Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Kay and current pastor Rev. Mock.

Because of declining health, Rev. and Mrs. James returned to Paterson where they could be closer to their children. Upon their return, they joined Seminary Baptist Church under the Pastorate of Rev. Alfred E. Steele where they became a faith member. Mrs. James loved attending church and had a desire to be among the "Saints of God" each Sunday as her health permitted.

Mrs. James departed this life on Monday, August 27, 2012. She is preceded in transition by her loving husband, Rev. Abraham James, Sr., daughters, Mae Frances Pointer, Winifred DaCosta, son, Abraham James, Jr., son-in-law, Alphonso Pointer and grandson, Derek Pointer.

She leaves to rejoice in her memories: daughters, Rev. Sylvia James, Anita Bundick and Bernice James of Paterson, NJ; son, Leonard James; daughter-in-law, Deborah of Somerset, NJ; grandchildren, Diane Elebe (Richard), Doris Pointer, John James (Dr. Michelle), Shannon Hill (Shawn), April Cunningham, Joshua Giles, Shana James, Roneea Bundick (all of Paterson), Lamar James and Natalie James (Charlotte, NC) and Nicole James of Edison, NJ, Jonathan James and Joi James of Charlotte, NC and PVT Justin James of Fort Stewart, GA. God has blessed Mrs. James with twelve great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren; one a beloved sister-in-law, Rev. Leona James, Pastor of Thankful Baptist Church Paterson, NJ and special niece, Helen Barnett (William); daughter, Delecia and her son, William and special nephew, Rev. Joseph James, Jr (Francis).

Order of Service

Music Prelude

Processional *Clergy*

Worship and Praise Team

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-17

New Testament - Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *Rev. Shelby Mack Little*

Musical Tributes *Roneea Bundick*
Joi James
(Granddaughters)

Tribute *Anita Bundick (Daughter)*

Acknowledgements/Reflections of Life

Selection

Message of Comfort *Pastor Alfred Steele*

Recessional *I'll Fly Away"*



Interment
Fairlawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

