

*Homegoing Service For*



*Deacon Janie Johnson Thompson*

*Sunrise*  
*July 7, 1920*

*Sunset*  
*November 8, 2012*

*Services*

*Thursday, November 15, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.*

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST**

132 West 116<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10026

*Reverend Thomas D. Johnson, Sr., Pastor, Officiating*  
*Wyatt Tee Walker, Pastor Emeritus*

# Obituary

**Mother Janie Thompson** was born on July 7, 1920 in Kershaw, SC, to the late Samuel and Janie Gaither Johnson. Of this union 16 children were born, eight brothers and seven sisters predeceased her. On November 8, 2012, early in the morning, Mother Thompson was called to her eternal home at the age of 92.

The Johnson family moved to Concord, NC when she was 5. There she received her early education. She joined the Holly Grove Primitive Baptist Church where she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized.

Mother Thompson met her soul mate, the late Ned W. Thompson in 1934, and after a brief courtship they were married on September 19, 1935 and moved to Salisbury, NC. Their marriage was blessed with 4 children (Charles, Howard, James and Camilla,) and they celebrated 70 years of unconditional love, happiness, friendship and devotion. Their grand and great-grand children had the privilege of witnessing a real life love story.

At age 19, Janie was ordained Deaconess by the late Rev. Walter A. Tutt in Salisbury, NC. Upon relocating to New York with her family, in 1943, they chose Canaan Baptist Church as their place of worship. She joined Canaan in 1944 and was ordained in 1946, by the late Rev. E.M. Moore. She was a faithful member for 68 years until her health failed.

In her Christian Ministry, Mother Thompson served on many committees. She joined the Pulpit Aid Ministry in 1952 and served as Second Vice-President. In 1968, Mother Thompson was elected Woman of the Year. In 1976, she served as President of the Deaconess Board, and she served many years as Chaplin and Secretary. She selflessly and proudly took on the responsibility of the care and maintenance of the baptismal garments. She was also a light to all new disciples in her role of dressing the candidates for baptism.

The Deaconess Board honored Mother Thompson in 1993 for her many years of dedicated service. She was also bestowed the honor of being appointed to the Mother's Board and was installed as one of the official Mothers of the Church by Rev. Wyatt T. Walker; a role that was dear to her heart. On July 29, 2012 Mother Janie Thompson was elevated to the Deacon Ministry of Canaan Baptist Church.

Mother Thompson truly loved her church and she loved the Lord. You always knew when she was testifying by her distinctive high pitch voice that was heard coming from the Deaconess' pew. Mother Thompson often closed her testimony singing her favorite hymn "He's Sweet I Know." Her grand and great-grandchildren begged her to sing *her song* every year on her birthday.

Mother Thompson embodied all of the characteristics of a Virtuous Woman. She was a woman that feared the Lord, she was a wife of noble character, carried herself with dignified elegance, was hardworking, took care of her home, and she was never idle. Even when her health was failing, her faith never wavered. She often stated, "With the good Lord by my side, I'm making it." ***[...Give her the rewards she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gates.] (Proverbs 31:31)***

Mother Janie Thompson's memory will be forever cherished by her loving and devoted children: Charles W. Thompson (Clara-deceased); Deacon Howard N. Thompson (Deacon Dorothy); Deacon James E. Thompson (Deacon Joyce); Camilla J. Thompson-Davis (John). Ten grandchildren: Kevin C. Thompson (Vita); Kwame J. Davis (Deloris); David H. Thompson; Darlene L. Sprosta (Al); Jonathan N. Thompson; Bassi Davis (Yolanda); Robert A. Thompson (Katia); Dionne K. Chisolm (Arthur); Pamela D. Thompson; and James S. Thompson (Joi). Nineteen great-grandchildren: Christopher, Sharlene, Raynard, Jonathan Jr., Anthony, Kristina, Zairia, Destiny, Niara, Vincent, Nona, Akilah, Arthur III, Shakira, Nia, Xavier, Kane, Xavier James and Zoe; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Consolation ..... “Order My Steps”  
Canaan Mass Choir

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture ..... Psalm 27:1-10  
Old Testament  
John 14:1-6  
New Testament

Prayer of Consolation.....Deacon Fred Crowder

Special Music.....Emmanuel  
Canaan Mass Choir

Reflections ..... Deacon Michael Russell,  
(Chairman of the Official Board)  
Deacon Johnnie Davis Jr.  
Robert A. Thompson

The Obituary ..... To be read silently

Solo ..... Deacon Corrie Crowder

The Eulogy

The Committal

Benediction

Recessional ..... “Let The Church Say Amen”  
(by: Andre Crouch)

## Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery  
Hastings-On-Hudson, New York



## ***I've Changed My Address***

*I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide.*

*I know there's no sorrow or crying,  
Because I've reached the other side.*

*I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place where you'll find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.*

*I now live forever with Jesus  
in my new home in the sky.*

*I have no burdens or heartaches  
and from tears I am now free.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place to find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion  
and my name is on the door.*

*You can find us walking together,  
for where He is, I'll always be.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.*

Author Unknown

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The Canaan Church Family

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