

Home Going Service For



Mrs. Millie Ruth Jabber Gray

Sunrise

April 20, 1931

Sunset

November 13, 2014

Service

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

131 W. 128th St. • New York, NY

Obituary

On April 20th 1931 James and Mamie Jabber welcomed their new baby daughter, Henry Ruth (later to be known as Millie Ruth). She would be destined to impact many lives with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the “Peace Giver”.

Mom’s childhood was filled with Christian values and the love of her family and friends. She joined Pleasant Rock Baptist Church and was baptized there at an early age.

Mom was raised in the Ninety Six, South Carolina community where she graduated from Ninety Six Colored School in 1950. After graduating from high school, she moved to New York and lived with her sister, Verdell Jabber Wilson.

Mom developed a personal relationship with Jesus Christ during this time. She joined the *Philadelphia Bible Church*. It was here that she fully accepted Christ as a personal Savior with the evidence of speaking in unknown tongues. Mom taught Sunday school during her tenure at Philadelphia Bible Church. It was here when she met and married Calvin O. Gray.

From this union Michael, Priscilla and Mark were born. Mom was determined to rear her children with the fear of the LORD. Her motto was taken from Joshua 24:15, “but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Serve the LORD we did. Mom and her children attended the *Greater Refuge Temple* in Harlem, New York. It was there that she and her children grew in their love of Christ.

Mom retired from the New York City Board of Education as a paraprofessional after her health began to fail. She was an avid reader of the Bible. Mom accepted her calling into the ministry during the late 1970s. It was because of her passion for interpreting the words of GOD that she transitioned from the role of evangelist to that of pastor. Mom became the pastor of the *Mission Tabernacle Church* in Harlem, New York.

Mom is preceded in death by her parents, James Jabber and Mamie Julia Jabber, three brothers, Pink Josh (PJ) Jabber, Clarence Cornell Jabber, Sr. and Nathaniel Jabber; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Jabber Skinner, a niece, Linda Jabber Washington.

Mom leaves to cherish her memories: her three children, Michael Tyrone Gray (Valarie), Priscilla Ann Gray and Mark Jabber Gray (Hazel); two goddaughters, Sheila Gray-Dargan (Robert), and Shirley Morris (James); two sisters, Verdell Jabber Wilson and Bobbie Jean Jabber Gray; one sister-in-law, Gladys Culbreath Jabber; six grandchildren, Philip, Nicole, Tanya, Erica, Markel and Taylor; four great-grandchildren, Christopher, Jonathan, Gabrielle and Elizabeth; one lifetime friend, Ruby Lee Brown; one sister-cousin, Desiree Collins (Leon); four devoted spiritual children, Janice Alston, Paulette Thompson, Alda Carter and Angel Valentino; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Song“I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired”

Scripture.....Alda Carter

Prayer.....Paulette Thomas

Song“I Found The Answer”

Acknowledgements of Cards, Telegraphs & Condolences

Remarks

Obituary..... Cine Ashford

Eulogy..... Evangelist Janice Alston

Recessional

Organ Postlude

Final Disposition

Pleasant Rock Baptist Church Cemetery
Ninety-Six, South Carolina

Im Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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