

Final Service For

Velma Velette Richardson

Sunrise
May 4, 1930

Sunset
May 18, 2015



Friday, May 29, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

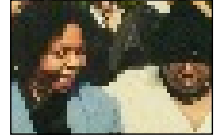
Suffolk, Virginia

Pastor Larry Parker, Officiating

Celebration of Life



Velma V. Knight- Richardson was born, May 4, 1930 in Buckhorn, Virginia. As the youngest child of Wallace and Essie Knight, she was surrounded by the love and protection of nine older brothers and sisters. Velma grew up, fell in love, and married Johnny Richardson. To this union was born a son, the late James Richardson.



During her life, she valued work and worked hard to provide a good life for her family. Velma worked for the Market Fair Department Store in Nyack, New York, and Lederie Laboratories in Pearl River, New York for twenty-five years. She worked two part-time jobs as a domestic engineer to support her growing family which now included three lovely daughters, Rosalyn, Katherine, and Kim.

While living in New York, she took membership at Pilgrim Baptist Church. As Velma grew in the Lord, she began to attend regular Bible studies and enjoyed reading the Bible in her free time. Velma dedicated her time and talents to the church. She served as a missionary and a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Senior Choir.

As the years passed, she watched her children grow up, establish their own homes, and start their families. In 1994 she bought a house and followed her dream, to move back to Suffolk, Virginia. There, she enjoyed the early years of her retirement.



In 2004, as her health began to fail, she was taken, under the care of her eldest daughter, to Hackensack, New Jersey.

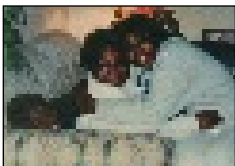


There, Velma attended Prevailing Rock

Ministries, under the leadership of Elder William Spellman, until the Lord called her to rest.

Velma will be remembered for her warm smile, gentle spirit, and great devotion as a mother and grandmother. Her generous heart often reached out to help others in need. She was affectionately known, by her children, as the “Taxi-cab Lady” because of her willingness to give rides to neighbors waiting at the bus stop. Velma was also a renaissance woman. She was handy with a hammer, a paintbrush, as well as a spatula. She became well-known for her delicious three-layer pineapple cakes. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Velma is survived by: three daughters, Rosalyn Skinner/Hackensack, NJ, Katherine Bridgewater/Suffolk, VA, Kim Skinner/Tampa, Florida; six grandchildren, Melanie Richardson, Dominique Richardson, Jermaine Brooks, Terrell Bridgewater, Jasmine Bridgewater, Robert Lynch; seven great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; one sister-in-law, Annabelle Knight/Portsmouth, VA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



The Order of Service

Prelude.....Organist

Processional Family

Choral Selection Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Reflections.....William Spellman
Open (2 min.)

AcknowledgementsDeaconess Dorothy K. Townsell
Niece

Family LegacyDeaconess Dorothy K. Townsell
Niece

Obituary (Read Silently)

Special Selection Kim Skinner
Daughter

Eulogy.....Pastor Larry Parker

Choral Selection Choir

RECESSIONAL

Interment
Carver Memorial Cemetery

Repast at Piney Grove Baptist Church following Interment

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Pallbearers
Nephews

My Final Good-Bye

I refuse to question God and ask Him, "Why"

I'm wondering why I never got
the chance to say, "Good-bye".

Remember, He's only loaned
me to you for a while.

When times get hard just
remember my smile.

Although we are physically
apart,

Just know that I live in each one
of your hearts.

As you look at yourself in the
mirror,

You will see a reflection of me.

Just know that I am at rest and my
soul is free.

Let go of the hurt and the pain
By allowing God to shower you
with peace.

And allow your love for one another
to increase.

I love you all, dry your tears,
And hold onto the memories we've
shared through the years.

For today, I refuse to ask God,
"Why".

But to all of you I say my final,
"Good-bye".

By: Zandra M. Austin

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Velma Richardson**, acknowledges with sincere and deep appreciation, all expressions of love and sympathy and kind courtesies extended to them during this period. Thank you, Piney Grove Baptist Church Family.

Professional Services Provided By

CARNE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

Caring for the Community Since 1937

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, NJ 07501 • (973) 278-6330

143 Myrtle Avenue • Passaic, NJ 07055 • (973) 779-1892

To send online condolences, visit www.braggfuneralhome.com

&

CROCKER FUNERAL HOME

900 East Washington Street • Suffolk, VA

www.honoryou.com

