

In Loving Memory of
Elder Loretta Reavis

Sunrise
November 9, 1930

Sunset
June 9, 2015



Wednesday, June 17, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112
Bishop Horace K. Williams, Officiating

Order of Service

Selection

Resurrection Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Resurrection Choir

Remarks

(Two minutes please)

Acknowledgements, Condolences and Resolutions

Selection

Resurrection Choir

Obituary

Solo

Jane Martin

Eulogy

Bishop Horace K. Williams

The Word of God Christian Center, Newark, NJ

Recessional

Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park

Union, New Jersey

Obituary

Celebrating the life of *Elder Loretta Reavis*, who was called home on the 9th of June, 2015.

Loretta was born on November 9, 1930 in Annapolis, Maryland to James and Isie Randall. The union was short lived. Loretta's parents divorced when she was two years old. After Isie graduated from Bowman College, she met and married Theodore Spears and the couple moved to Ohio. Loretta stayed with her grandparents, James and Belle Crowdy, until she joined her parents in Ohio when she was nine years old. Loretta lived there until her parents decided to move to Brooklyn, New York.

In New York, Loretta started her career at age 19 with the New York Phone Company (AT&T) where she made many friends. She went to Jazz clubs where she met a saxophone player, James Reavis, whom she did not like at first; however, that was soon remedied. James won her heart and the two were soon married on the 28th of January 1961. This union produced one child, Darryl. The couple divorced in 1976.

At this time she resumed her relationship with God by frequently visiting the First Church of Religious Science with Dr. Raymond Charles Barker and Dr. Stuart Grayson. She began traveling the world, visiting many countries. Loretta took her son on many trips for she wanted him to see that there was more to the world than the block he lived on in Brooklyn.

Loretta and her classmate, Horace K. Williams, started religious instruction at United Church Science Living Institute. This is where their 38 year friendship began. After the successful completion of their religious study at the Institute, Loretta and Horace started ecclesiastical careers with Dr. Jiggets at Brooklyn Temple. Brooklyn Temple provided the perfect environment to hone their skills as pastors. The day came when they decided to go their own ways. The Word of God Christian Center was born and here is where Loretta became endeared to congregants. The Word of God Christian Center was her spiritual home until her passing from this life to be with her Lord and Savior.

Loretta is survived by her son, Darryl, three Sisters, Arlene Thomas, Anita Rainell Spears-Greene and Sylvia Coates; three Brothers: Lamont Randall, Theodore Spears and Norman Randall, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She filled our lives with laughter and love. She was truly a woman of God. In our hearts her memory lingers sweetly tender, fond and true. We love her and she will be greatly missed by all.

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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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