

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Carolyn Elizabeth James*

*Sunrise*  
*January 23, 1948*

*Sunset*  
*June 15, 2015*

*Service*  
*Wednesday, June 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

809 E. Hazelwood Avenue

Rahway, New Jersey

**Rev. Allen Thompson, Officiating**

**Rev. Barry Walker, Organist**

# Obituary

**Carolyn Elizabeth James** departed this world on Monday, June 15, 2015 after a brief illness at Clara Maass Hospital in Belleville, N.J.

She was born on January 23, 1948 at Clara Maass Hospital to Marion Costen and the late Louis Money.

She was known affectionately as “Carol” or “Peanut” because when she was born, she only weighed 3lbs. 10 ounces. Her mother, Marion fondly remembers that when she started walking, she could stand up underneath the kitchen table. Her sister Sandy fondly remembers “Peanut” always being there for her with loving support when she needed her.

Carolyn was educated through the Newark and Rahway Public School Systems. She graduated from Rahway High School in 1967. Carolyn was popular when she was young. She had many friends with whom she enjoyed having lots of good times and she loved to dance. During her life, Carolyn worked for companies in New Jersey such as Magnus Organ, Bell Telephone (Verizon), and Pathmark prior to her retirement.

Carolyn married Billy Blue, Sr. on December 15, 1967. They were married eighteen and a half years. From that union they had two children, their daughter, Toni and son, Billy Jr. Toni, has fond memories of her mother enjoying making pottery and working in the garden.

Carolyn later married Abner James, on March 9, 2001. His fond memories of his beloved wife were that she was a beautiful and good hearted person. They were married fourteen years. She has three step-daughters from this union, Lynn, Jessica, and Erica. Carolyn was loved unconditionally by her family and friends who will treasure the precious memories of her.

Carolyn was a loving, kind-hearted, joyful, generous and a down to earth person. She was small in stature but made herself known and spoke her mind. She will forever be in the hearts of her family and friends.

She is predeceased by her father, Louis Money, her stepfather, Stanley Curry and her brother, Victor Curry.

To cherish her loving memory she leaves: her husband, Abner James; her children, Toni Blue Payton (Jeffrey) and Billy Blue Jr.; her mother, Marion Curry; her sister, Sandra Curry; her stepchildren, Lynn James Wilkinson (Anthony), Jessica James and Erica Rogers (Keith); her grandchildren, Nicole, Tamara, Sammy, Saquon, Wynton, Aiyana, Quinten and Brandon; eight great-grandchildren and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Processional.....Reverend Barry Walker

Solo.....Michelle Baker

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastics 3:1-8  
Minister Ordell Yarbrough

New Testament.....John 10:6-10  
Rev. Anthony Mitchell

## Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Mark Guess

Acknowledgements.....Darlene Plunkett

Obituary.....Nikiya Mathis

Reflections.....Family and Friends  
(Two minutes please)

## Selection

Eulogy.....Reverend Allen Thompson

Benediction.....Reverend Allen Thompson

## Recessional

### **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey



# *I'm 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!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.

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