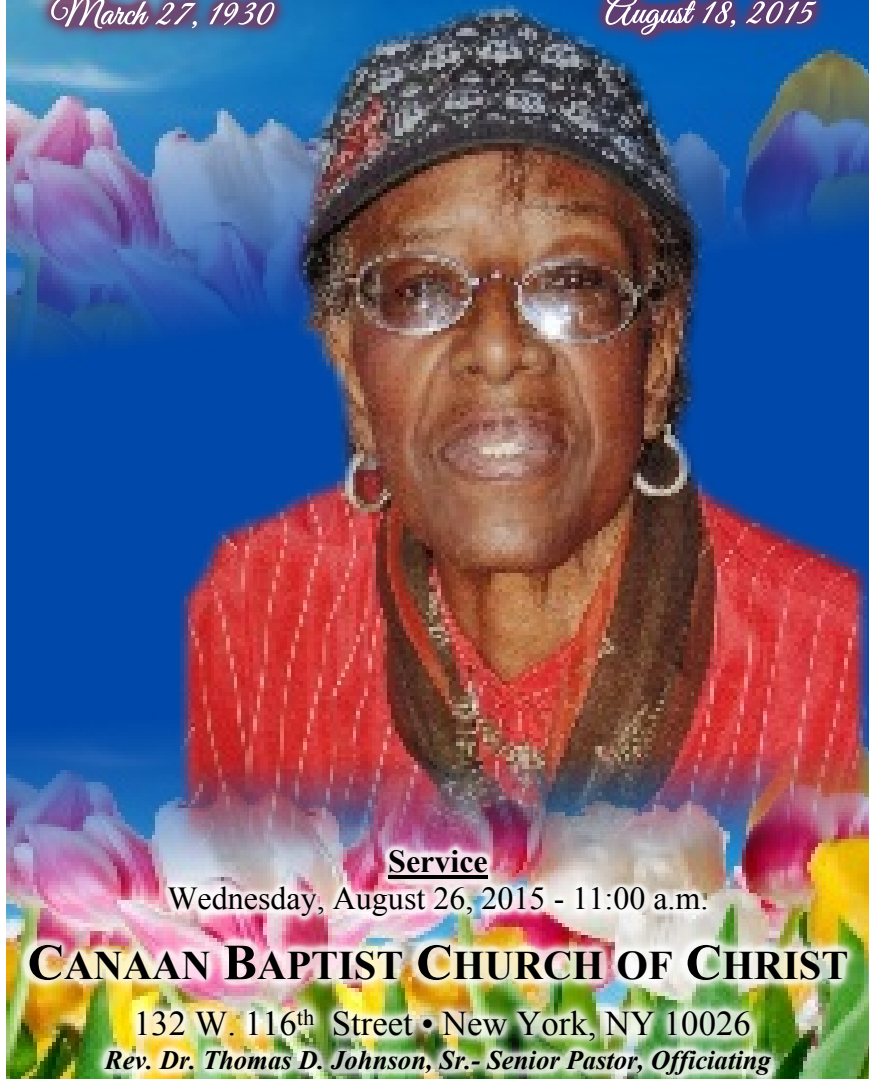


In Loving Memory of
Viola L. Haskins

Sunrise
March 27, 1930

Sunset
August 18, 2015



Service

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

132 W. 116th Street • New York, NY 10026

Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Johnson, Sr. - Senior Pastor, Officiating

Obituary

Viola Haskins was born on March 27, 1930 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Hal and Virginia Haskins in Charlotte Court House, Virginia. She passed away gently in her sleep on August 18, 2015 at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, New York. She was a loving sister to her five predeceased siblings: Virginia Marshall, Annie Haskins, Parthenia White, Robert Haskins and Howard Haskins.

Viola was raised in Charlotte Court House, VA and educated at Central High School where she graduated. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined St. Douglass Baptist Church in Keysville, VA at a young age.

After graduation, Viola relocated to New York City to join her siblings and to find employment. She found employment as a domestic helper and later worked for CBS for over forty years, she retired in 1995. Viola joined Canaan Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. E.M. Moore in 1948. Viola continued to serve under Rev. Walker and Rev. Johnson. She was very proud of her church family and especially enjoyed Canaan's Mighty Men of Song, The Male Chorus.

Viola leaves to cherish her memories: her nephew and caregiver, David White (NY) who was like a son to her as well as Ronald and Shawn; goddaughter and niece, Deborah Smith (PA), and nieces, Vivian Bishop (NY), Debbie McLaughlin (NC) and Claudette Allen (VA) who were like daughters to her; loving step children, Bruce, Evelyn, Essie and Faye Taylor; granddaughters, ReTina and Alisha Bethea; a special friend, Van Royster (formerly of NY); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss her dearly. She also shared a special love with her nieces/nephew-in-law, Barbara White, Brenda Brown (NY) and James Allen (VA).

Later in life, Viola enjoyed family visits home to be with her family, going to Atlantic City, cookouts in the park, having family and friends over to her home and spending time with her friends at the Senior Citizen Center in her neighborhood. God allowed her to attend her last family reunion in July of this year.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Consolation

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Special Music

Reflections - *Deborah Smith (2 min. please)*

Obituary (*To Be Read Silently*)

Solo

The Eulogy

Pastor Johnson

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

*Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, 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

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