



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Emma Samuels*

*Sunrise*  
December 10, 1916

*Sunset*  
September 26, 2015



Service

*Tuesday, October 6, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

**MERRICK PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

120-02 Marsden Street • Jamaica, New York

**Elder Thaddeus Hawkins, Officiating**

**Rev. Dr. Michael R. Ward, Eulogist**

## Obituary

On December 10, 1916, **Emma Louise** was born to Albert and Lizzie Jones. She was the fifth of nine children, James, Albert, Willie, Roberta, Roosevelt, Rose and Trudie preceded her in death. She was born in Evans, Georgia in Columbus County where she received her education and met and married her husband, Oscar who also preceded her in death. She accepted the Lord as her savior when she was very young and became a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church until she relocated to New York City. Emma had 1 daughter, Mary who affectionately called her "EM". Mary diligently devoted her time to taking care of her mother until she departed this life.

Emma moved to New York but her stay was a short one. She returned home to care for her granddaughters, Veronica and Sandra who she thought were her children. They called her "Ma". They were not allowed to call her Grandma.

She returned to New York in the early 60's and joined Merrick Park Baptist Church. Emma loved her church. She was a member of the senior choir, willing workers and the Nehemiah Ministry of which she was Chaplin. When the Nehemiah Ministry did fund raisers she expected the family to participate. She would let us know when the katydids were arriving then called us when they actually arrived as though we were waiting for them.

Emma was a happy person who enjoyed the company of family and friends. She wanted everyone in her apartment even if we had to squeeze in. She loved when we brought our friends over so she could feed everyone. She loved her great grand and her great great-grandchildren who called her grand nana. Emma also loved her bible study group at Montauk, she was Chaplin there as well.

When Emma became incapacitated she relied greatly on her great granddaughter, Simone who made sure all of her needs were met with the help of her great granddaughter, Brooke and two great care takers, Deveka and Delores who became more than workers but family.

Left to cherish her memory are her sister, Elease Davis; daughter, Mary Adams; granddaughters, Lisa Shaw (Everett), Veronica Ward (Rev. Michael) and Sandra Adams; great grandchildren, Jaylan, Deanna, Jessica, Brooke, Tiffany, Ryan, Daria and Simone Williams (Andre); great great grandchildren, Josiah, Maliki, Isyss, Elijah and Quentin. As well as many other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Presiding.....Elder Thaddeus Hawkins - Pastor  
Organ Prelude.....Professor Kelvin Jenkins  
Processional  
Hymn ..... Precious Memories  
Prayer of Comfort  
Selection.....Merrick Park Sanctuary Choir  
Old Testament.....Psalm 23  
New Testament .....John 14:1-6  
Words of Comfort.....Deacon David R. Bishop (chairman)  
Nehemiah Ministry—Missionary Ruth Wynn  
Solo.....Daria Ward  
Reflections.....Family and Friends  
Solo.....Claretha Richardson  
Obituary, Acknowledgements, Resolution.....Missionary Lisa Festus  
Selection.....Merrick Park Sanctuary Choir  
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Michael R. Ward  
United Baptist Church of Truth  
Final Viewing.....E.L. George Funeral Services Inc.  
Benediction.....Elder Thaddeus Hawkins  
Recessional

**Interment**  
Pinelawn Cemetery  
Farmingdale, New York

A mighty wind blew night and day.  
It stole the oak tree's leaves away,  
Then snapped its boughs  
and pulled its bark  
Until the oak was tired and stark.  
But still the oak tree  
held its ground  
While other trees fell all around.  
The weary wind gave up and spike,  
"How can you still  
be standing, Oak?"

The oak tree said, "I know that you  
Can break each branch of mine in two,  
Carry every leaf away,  
Shake my limbs, and make me sway.  
But I have roots stretched in the earth,  
Growing stronger since my birth.  
You'll never touch them, for you see,  
They are the deepest part of me.  
Until today, I wasn't sure  
Of just how much I could endure  
But now I've found, with thanks to you,  
I'm stronger than I ever knew.



### *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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Professional Services Provided By:

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