

Celebration of the Life of
Ruby Vaughn

Sunrise
March 13, 1932

Sunset
January 21, 2016

Service
Friday, January 29, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Zion Hill Baptist Church
152 Osborne Terrace
Newark, New Jersey

The Life of Ruby Vaughn

“But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus. “

Philippians 3:13b-14

On March the 13th in 1932 the fourth child was born to the late Willie and Millie Williams in Newark, New Jersey. This beautiful child was named **Ruby**. Her three siblings; Willie Jr., Mary, and Florie preceded her in death. On Thursday, January the 21st, 2016; God reclaimed His gift to forever be with Him.

Ruby grew up in a Christian home where the love of God and family was a prevailing reality. She learned to love both and accepted Jesus Christ as her savior at an early age. She was baptized at the Zion Hill Baptist Church and was a life member. During her childhood she developed a strong love and bond with her siblings, as the three girls were known as “the stoop sisters”. This love would endure a lifetime and beyond. When her family lost her only brother at a young age Ruby’s Dad asked her to stay at home to be a comfort to her mother, she did. After graduating from Eastside High School in 1950 Ruby got a job with New Jersey Bell. This would be the beginning of a career, which would last for forty-four years.

During the next ten years Ruby demonstrated a skilled ability at her job, began to learn the craft of money management, provided comfort for her family, and met the love of her life, Joseph Vaughn. In 1960 they were married at her home on Chestnut Street and this union would span for fifty-two years until the Lord called Joseph home in 2013. Although this union did not produce any children; Ruby loved and cared for Joseph’s children all the days of her life. Family has always been central to Ruby; her parents, siblings, her husband and their family, but also her nieces, nephews and their families. Aunt Ruby was always there! She never missed an important day in their lives. Birthdays, graduations, special events, ordinations, whatever day; it was important to Ruby. Ruby was a guiding voice and showed great leadership ensuring that the Garvin-Mikell-Laurel family reunions continued for thirty-nine years. Her participation will be missed. For all such family times, she and Joe would be there. Their life partnership was another great gift to our family. Finally, Aunt Ruby was an avid traveller. She and Joe, her cousins, and sisters enjoyed cruises, and seeing the world.

As we reflect upon her life, we praise God and rejoice for a race well run. Her love transcends time and space. She also loved and had close relationships with her cousin William, and friends, Millie, Dot and a special neighbor Mary.

Her legacy is one of love, commitment to God and family and a commitment to loving relationships. She also taught us stewardship and the value of partnership.

Ruby’s generations include her surviving children; Rosalyn Vaughn-Smith, Gary Vaughn, Joseph Vaughn, (Vivian), her grandchildren; her three nieces; Imani Milima, Elaine Stubblefield, (Hayes), Jasmine Parks, (A’Quion), two nephews; Clinton Ferrell, & Gregory Brown, many great nieces and nephews, cousins; Queen Esther James and Geraldine Harris, close friends; Dorothy Gordon, Millie Nichols, a special neighbor, Mary Seponosky, and many other persons.

Order of Service

Prelude Music

Processional Family of Ruby Vaughn

Call to Worship Rev. Douglass Williams III

Selection “How Great Thou Art”

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 28:6-9 Minister

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1, 4-5, 17 Minister

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Resolutions & Remarks Family & Friends
(2 minutes each please)

Reading of Obituary

Selection “Amazing Grace”

Eulogy Reverend Douglass Williams III

Benediction

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Graceland Memorial Cemetery Kenilworth, New Jersey</p>

Repast following at the Zion Hill Baptist Church



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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