

In Loving Memory of



Jennie Gainey Davis

April 1, 1922 - January 29, 2016

Service

Thursday, February 4, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

The New Hope Baptist Church

106 Sussex Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Joe A. Carter, Officiating

Obituary

Jennie Gainey Davis was born on April 1, 1922. She was the daughter of Bertha Gainey Cato and Robert Gainey. She was the younger of two brothers and one sister, Reverend James A. Cato, Earnest Moore, and Daisy McMillan all preceded her in death.

Jennie was born in Gainesville, Florida where she spent her early formative years. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1940. Shortly thereafter she moved to Newark, New Jersey to be with her sister who had encouraged her to move there for better job opportunities and to improve her overall quality of life. Shortly after moving to Newark, she found a job that she loved at the University of Medicine and Dentistry Hospital where she eventually retired from Pediatrics and Logistics.

After visiting several churches in the area, she visited The New Hope Baptist Church, and never left. There she felt welcomed, comfort, warmth, and the service reminded her so much of her church-home in Gainesville. She soon joined the church and became a devoted member in 1942. She immediately joined the senior choir, served on various committees, regularly attended pray service, as well as other activities of the church. She was honored and humbled to serve as a Deaconess of the church. She truly loved her church and enjoyed worshipping there for 74 years. She felt blessed and especially thankful for the love and unwavering support of the life-long friends she met. Through the years, and especially during her later years of life, her church family and others, have provided love, support, deeds of kindness... too numerous to name, for which she and her out-of-town family members are eternally grateful.

Jennie was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Wilbert Davis. Their compatible nature, shared vision, and life-style enriched their lives and brought them much happiness. To this union, she garnered two step children, Willie Gene Davis and Ora Lee Davis, who preceded her in death.

Jennie was affectionately called, "Aunt Jennie", "God Mother", "Mother Dear", and of course "Ms. Davis". While she was unable to have children of her own, she was quick to claim friends as her daughter or son, and all others she called "Darling". She was known for and will be remembered as a gracious spirit, fashionable lady, with a zest for life and who knew what she wanted in life.

After a brief hospital stay at East Orange General Hospital, she was sent for short-term rehabilitation at the Park Crescent Health Care and Rehabilitation Nursing Home where she departed this life.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two loving and devoted nephews, Kevin V. Cato, Naperville, IL; and Dr. James A. (Brenda) Cato, Augusta, GA; step daughter-in-law, Ester Davis, Philadelphia, PA; niece, Dr. Amy Cato, Nashville, TN; nephew, Horace Moore, Esq.; three great grand nieces, Raquel Cato, Jamie Cato, and Kaci Cato, and one great grandson, Demetrius Wren; and god daughter, Amanda Smith. Jennie had so many loving friends that broached family who meant the world to her and are not named. We would be remised not to acknowledge their impact in her life, and equally neglectful if we failed to mention everyone.

We, who cherish her memory, bid Jennie a sad yet loving farewell. Forever we will be heartened by enduring remembrances of her matchless elegance, charm, and strong will.

~ I've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord ~

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgement, Condolences, Resolution

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

The final tribute will be held immediately after the service.

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
367 Washington Street
Orange, New Jersey

*After which the family will be received at
The New Hope Baptist Church.*

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Acknowledgement

The family of **Jennie Gainey Davis** expresses deepest gratitude for your support as well as the numerous acts of kindness extended during this time of bereavement.

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