

In Loving Memory of



Rosabell Ellis

Sunrise
December 31, 1929

Sunset
March 25, 2016

Service
Friday, April 1, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Abyssinian Baptist Church

224 West Kinney Street
Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Perry Simmons, Officiating

Obituary

Rosabell (Garrett) Ellis, affectionately known as Rose, was called home to be with her heavenly Father on Friday, March 25, 2016. Her mother's youngest child, she was born on December 31, 1929 to the late Roosevelt Garrett and Lizzie Wilborn. After her mother passed, her father brought her to his family in New Jersey where she was raised. She would often say, "God bless a motherless child".

Married in 1961 to James Ellis Jr., their union produced two children, Keith and Karen. She also has another child sent by God, Octavia Monrinville.

After being laid off from General Electric in the early 1970's, this hard working single mother focused on learning new skills. While taking classes, Rose operated the hot dog truck she purchased to support her family. She eventually secured employment with the Newark Board of Education where she worked for eighteen years before retiring in 1996. Although not always an easy road for this single mother, she made it through by trusting in the Lord.

Rose was a faithful member of Abyssinian Baptist Church for over twenty years. She not only served as a missionary, but helped in other ministries whenever she could. She enjoyed the Wednesday afternoon bible study and midday service at St. James AME Church as well.

Rose held a special place in the hearts of everyone who knew her. She always remembered your special day by sending a card, a phone call, or just stopping by to say hello.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her biological children, Keith Ellis and Karen Charles; adopted daughter, Octavia Monrinville; son-in-law, James Charles; her grandchildren, Hasaan and Hashim Ellis, Rashad and Ellis Charles, Venesha Rhodes and Mary Monrinville; five great grandchildren, Matthew, Nicolas and Iyanna Rhodes, Zarah and Zaire Charles; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 90

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Sandra Barnes, The New Life Church

Acknowledgements Mrs. Larona Jones
“Transforming Sisters”

Selection “I’ve God A Crown In That Kingdom”
Bishop David E. Barnes, The New Life Church

Reading of Obituary Mrs. Kenyatta Judd

Reflections 2 minutes please

Resolutions

Selection Choir

Eulogy The Reverend Perry Simmons

Final Family Viewing

Recessional Hymn “Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Hollywoody Memorial Park Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the Interment at
The New Life Church
622 Thomas Boulevard
East Orange, NJ 07050

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!

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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