

Celebration of Life for
Essie D. James

Sunrise
January 13, 1954

Sunset
December 26, 2016



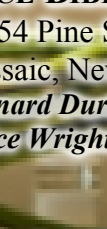
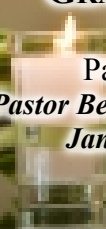
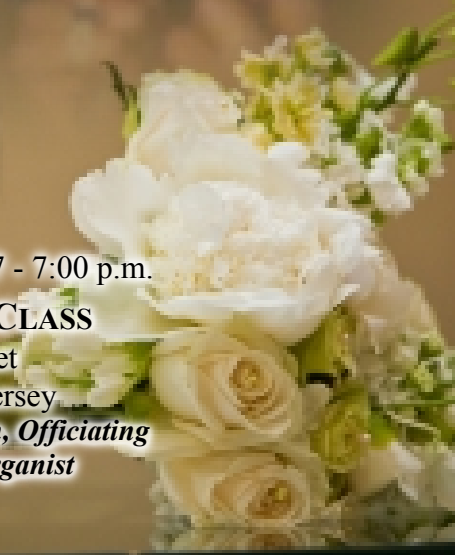
Friday, January 6, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE CLASS

54 Pine Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Pastor Bernard Durham, Officiating
Janice Wright, Organist



Reflections of Life

Essie Danzy James, the third of six children, was born on January 13, 1954 to Flossie and Henry Washington. She was born in Charlotte, South Carolina, where she lived until she was five before she and her family moved to Paterson New Jersey and eventually to Passaic, where Essie attended school and graduated from Passaic High School in 1972.

Following high school, she worked as a bank teller at Valley National Bank, Passaic, New Jersey for a few years, before working as a proof operator for the First Union Bank in Totowa, New Jersey. Inspired to switch lanes in her career track, Essie decided to work as a Transit Operator.

She worked for Community Bus Lines and New Jersey Transit and served the public for over twelve years before relocating to Hampton, Virginia. There she devoted twenty years of service to Hampton Roads Transportation and retired on January 1, 2016. (Let the church say “amen.”) Ms. Essie, as some would affectionately call her, was known throughout her life for her exceptional fashion savvy sensibilities. That’s right, sisters and brothers, she made them and wore them very well. She was also known and frequently sought for her culinary skills. Essie’s signature candied yams and baked macaroni and cheese were the best this side of heaven.

Essie was not only a life long member of Grace Bible Class Church; she also worshiped and served for man years at Miracle Temple Church, Newport, News, Virginia. There she was the secretary of the usher board and the secretary of the hospitality board. Essie enjoyed serving the Lord, and served Him well she did.

Essie Danzy James was preceded in death by her mother, Flossie Walker Washington; her father, Henry Washington; sister, Evelyn McNair, and brother, Isaac Washington. She leaves behind to rejoice in her transition her beloved husband, Arthur James, of Hampton, VA; her devoted brother Henry Washington, Jr.; cherished sisters, Christine Washington and Deborah Washington, both of Bloomfield, NJ; one loving uncle, George Washington, of NC; two loving aunts, Rosa Lee Washington and Geneva Washington, both of NC; a host of treasured nieces and nephews, numerous cousins and friends.

On December 26, 2016, our dear, beloved Essie received and is now wearing her crown for a job very well done. She is in eternal Peace, where she was welcomed by her Savior as a good and faithful servant. (Essie will be laid to rest in a mausoleum at Hampton Memorial Gardens, Virginia.)

Order of Service

Processional.....Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary
Hymn.....Choir
Scripture.....Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 3:16
Selection.....“Change”
Esther Wheeler
Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy
Acknowledgements/Reflections.....Alberta Susan Wells
Tribute to Sister.....Deborah Washington
Selection.....“I’ll Wear a Crown”
Remarks.....Family, Friends
Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”
Eulogy.....Pastor Bernard Durham
Selection.....“I’m Free, Thank You Jesus, I’m Free”
Recessional.....“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hands”

Interment

Hampton Memorial Park
Hampton, Virginia

Citizenship

On this earth, a child of God walks
Through the garden of God's Word,
Feasting on and flourishing
From the Fruit of the Spirit—strength.
On this earth, a child of God prays,
Humbling himself before God,
Casting all his cares upon the Father,
And has blessed intimacy with Jesus—peace
On this earth, a child of God lives,
Knowing that Heaven,
Not this earthly world, is his home:
A celestial home not made by hands—assurance.
The strength from God,
The peace of God,
And the believer's assurance of Salvation
Permeate his soul with spiritual power;
Imbue his spirit with confidence;
And until a child of God takes up his citizenship in Heaven,
The fruit of the Spirit
Laces the believer's life with joy
And with the power from on High
To not just testify,
But to witness mightily
For the Lord.
Asw

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers or foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and the household of God." Ephesians 2: 19

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Essie D. James** 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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