

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Bernice M. Jones***

*Sunrise: May 4, 1933 - Sunset: April 19, 2017*



***Services:***

***Tuesday May 2, 2017 - 11:00 am***

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

***Rev. Janel York, Officiating***

***Johnetta Bush, Organist***

## *Reflections of Life*

**Bernice Mae Jones** aka **Bernie Mae James-Harley** was born on May 4, 1933 as the youngest daughter of Solomon Harley (born April 15, 1871 and died March 17, 1956) and Fodie Barr Harley (born February 20, 1895 and died March 27, 1964) in Dillion, South Carolina. She was the twin sister of Inez Harley, whom only had the pleasure of living on this great earth for one year.

Bernice Jones was wed to Mr. Hamp James, Jr., of Dillion, South Carolina. After relocating to Hackensack, NJ in the 1950's to work in the field of nursing, she met and had a spiritual union with Pastor Willie Graham. They moved to Paterson, NJ in late 1950's. Over the course of her lifetime she had the pleasure of birthing ten children; Annie Deloris James-Nicholas, Willie George James, Georgia Mae James-Pernell, Belinda James-Powell, Geraldine James, Tyrone Graham, Arita Graham, Donna Graham, Charles Graham and Calvin Graham. In addition, she was the beloved and dutiful grandmother of 38 children and great grandmother to many more. She was beloved by all of whom she came contact with. Throughout her illness she was showered with love and affection by her family and friends.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her other siblings; Emma Harley-Hammond (born 1915- March 25, 1996), Addie M. Harley-Pittman (born 1918- died 1996), Pauline Harley-McLain (born 1920), twins Thelma & Elbert (born 1921), Grace Harley-Manning (born 1925- died 1996), Virginia Harley-McCloud (born 1926), and Hensley Lee Harley (born Sept. 15, 1931-died May 22, 2002).

Bernice Mae Jones of Paterson, NJ passed away on April 19, 2017 in Wayne, NJ.

She leaves to mourn her passing loving children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In return, her family loved her so very much.

In this time of personal hardship and throughout all of our grieving we must always remember the following: "God's ways are not our ways! Thank Goodness!! He so loved the world that He gave His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, so that whosoever believeth in He will have everlasting life."

We the family believe so whole heartedly that our beloved mother and grandmother Mrs. Jones is in a perfect place now where she can dance, sing, laugh and have the time of her life. We the family can see her sitting on the right side of our Jesus Christ, who is telling her that she has done her work earth and it is now time to "Rest In Peace"! ---With Love the Family

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Janel York, Pastor

Friendship Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

## **Interment**

Arlington Cemetery

Kearny, New Jersey

## *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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.

### **Scripture: John 14:1-3**

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

### **Acknowledgement**

The family of **Bernice Mae Jones** wishes too acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to their family during these tumultuous hours of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep you Strong!!

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