

*In Loving Memory of*



*Annie Ruth Houser*

*Sunrise: August 16, 1924*

*Sunset: September 17, 2017*

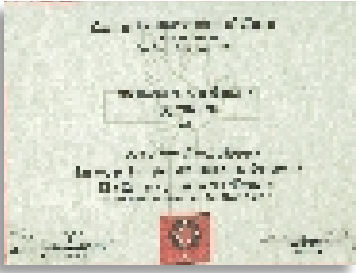
Service

Friday, September 22, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

132 W. 116th Street • New York, NY

## *Obituary*



**Annie Ruth Houser** was born on August 16, 1924 in Eutawville, South Carolina to Jessie and Fannie Gibbs. Annie Ruth was the second child with four predeceased siblings: Evelana Mitchum (South Carolina), Edgar Gibbs (South Carolina), Matilda Young (South Carolina) and Leon Gibbs (New York, NY).

Annie Ruth spent her formative years in Eutawville, South Carolina where she attended public school and completed her education.

As a young woman, Annie Ruth travelled to NYC where she settled in Harlem and resided with her aunt, Newt Jenkins and her beloved cousins. While in NY, Annie Ruth was employed as a garment factory worker. During her life in NY, Annie Ruth met William Z. Houser. After a brief engagement they were married. From this union, three sons were born: William H. Houser of Rockaway Beach, NY, Kenneth Houser of Arlington, TX and Phillip Houser of New York, NY.

Annie Ruth was a devoted Christian, a faithful wife and loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed being a homemaker and treasured the precious time she shared with her grandchildren.

For over 40 years, Annie Ruth was a member of the Canaan Baptist Church and the Missionary Ministry. She held numerous titles, such as, President, Vice President and Secretary of the Missionary Ministry. She also earned and was awarded numerous certificates and plaques to commemorate her dedication. Annie Ruth was also commended for her excellent and exemplary participation with the North Manhattan Nursing Home in Harlem, where she assisted with Ministry Service for the senior residents.

On September 17, 2017, Annie Ruth made a spiritual transition to heaven to be in the house of the Lord.

Annie Ruth leaves behind three sons: William (Sharon) Houser, Kenneth (Jo-Carol) Houser and Phillip; Six grandchildren: Lasika Nikki Young, Bettina Ferguson, Stefon Houser, Sajada Houser, Bryan Houser and Brianna Houser; Two great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Bettina Ferguson*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Dr. Thomas D. Johnson*

**Prayer of Comfort for the Family**

*Apostle Clenso Allen*

*Calvary VFW Baptist Church Brooklyn, NY*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Calverton National Cemetery*

*Calverton, New York*

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*



*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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