

In Loving Memory of



Rosetta L. Watts

Sunrise: January 17, 1936
Sunset: September 24, 2017

Service

Monday, October 2, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

MT. CALVERY BAPTIST CHURCH

231 W. 142nd Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Rosetta Lydia Goodwine Watts was born on January 17, 1936 to Moses Goodwine, Jr. and Laura Lottie Chaplin Goodwine on tiny Polawana Island, (near the larger St. Helena Island) in Beaufort County, South Carolina. At birth she was named after both of her grandmothers. At age two, she was taken to New York by her paternal aunt, Rosetta. Rose returned home to her parents at age ten.

At age thirteen, Rose accepted Christ and was baptized and joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church on St. Helena Island, SC, where she continued to attend Sunday School and the Old Ashley Baptist Sunday School Conventions. Rose (as she was lovingly called by family and everyone that knew her well) attended Penn Normal and Industrial Agricultural School on St. Helena Island, SC and graduated with the first graduating class of (the new school) St. Helena High School in 1954.

Rose joined the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Monroe Wall shortly after her move to New York in 1954. For more than thirty years she dedicated herself to Christian Education, mostly through being Superintendent of Sunday School for 27 years following her stint as Sunday School teacher for a number of years prior. She completed her Sunday School Superintendent four-year Special Project study and graduated June 21, 1991. In 1992, she completed a course in Philosophy of Religion with an "A". In 1994, she was appointed Dean of United Missionary Baptist Association Leadership Training School. In 1995, she was awarded the Ruth Tuthill Christian Education Award. She has also held the position of president of the faculty at United Missionary Baptist Association Leadership School (UNBA); was a Board of Directors member of the Baptist Education Center (BEC); a member and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Empire State Baptist Congress for Christian Education for which she also served as an instructor and for more than 15 years. She served as department leader and seminar leader for various churches throughout the five boroughs of New York City and the State of New York. Rose remained faithful to her Christian Education calling and taught at the St. Anthony Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY. She was a faithful attendee of numerous congresses and conventions and was known for her participation and facilitation with the National Baptist Association, representing Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. And, if Rose had published the many writings she had done relating to the field of Christian Education, she would have produced volumes of books. As a community leader, Rose served as an auxiliary officer for the 46th Police Precinct in the Bronx, NY, where she retired with the rank of Sergeant after five years. While forwarding her education in the insurance business, Rose attended Pace University, Manhattan campus New York City.

Rose have delved in the arts and crafts of creating through the medium of the needles, thread, and skeins of yarn; laying patterns, cut and sew, knitting, and crocheting. She designed and created dresses, sweaters, blankets, slipcovers, curtains, doll clothes, scarves, etc. You name it, she's done it! She used her talent to make others happy. She could have made these things a thriving business for herself, but she gave the results of her creations away to anyone who asked for them or she donated to her church's fundraisers or charity donations. This was her way of relaxing. She did not want to be caught-up in the hustle and bustle of having to meet deadlines when dealing with a business. God blessed her with a giving spirit. That was our sister!

Rose was preceded in death by Elizabeth Pearl. She leaves to celebrate her home-going: son, Paul Lee; daughter, Laura Dorothy; and son, Darryl Leon; son-in-law, Dennis Hinnant; grandchildren: Kareem Moses, Sr., Kyle Drew, Nichole and Noble Elijah; great grandchildren, Briana, Kareem Moses, Jr., Anthony and Khilee; sisters, Deaconess Mother Sadie Brown and Mary Johnson; cousins, Eugene Oliver, Jr. and Gordon; four nieces; five nephews; cousins; adopted children, Yvonne Grice, Pat Drew, Doris Gillard, Ogetta Doctor, Shavone Reid, Charlene Holmes and Theresa Holmes; best friend and sister in Christ, Daisy Green; and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Proverbs 22:1-6.....Cicely Lloyd

New Testament - 2 Timothy 14:16.....Travis Outlaw

Selection

Resolutions and Expressions..... (Two Minutes Please)

PoemThe Master Called

Acknowledgements.....Desiree Williams for the family

Obituary.....Catherine Doctor

Poem.....Joy Harper

Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Charles Butler

Selection

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

*Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York*

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you,
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-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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