

*In Loving Memory of*



*Vastirena "Vastie" Cunningham*

**Sunrise  
July 4, 1929**

**Sunset  
May 9, 2020**

**Friday May, 15, 2020**

**Jackson Funeral Home**

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Neptune, NJ 07753

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**Pastor Justin S. Hayward- Eulogist**

# Obituary

**Vastirena Jones-Cunningham**, 90, stepped into eternal rest on May 9, 2020 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Vastirena was affectionately known as “Vastie”. She was born July 4, 1929 in Spartanburg, South Carolina to the late Theodore & Callie Todd-Jones.

Vastie accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age and was baptized at Upper Shady Grove Baptist Church in South Carolina. She was united in marriage November 11, 1950 to the late Pink Cunningham. In 1954, Pink & Vastie relocated to Asbury Park, NJ.

Vastie joined Good Hope Baptist Church in Asbury Park, NJ in 1959 under the great leadership of Rev. Darby Richardson. She was a faithful member and was on the Usher Ministry for many years. She attended Sunday School and Church until her health began to fail.

Vastie worked for Consolidated Laundry in Bradley Beach, NJ for 30 years as a laundry worker. Vastie was an exceptional seamstress and made quilts, clothes, and always made hair caps for all her fellow females ushers at the church. She was a woman that said what she meant and meant what she said.

Vastie was preceded in death by her beloved husband Pink Cunningham, sisters Minnie L. Hines and Sarah E. Boler, brothers Leo Jones Jr. and James T. Jones, her 2 best friends Annie L. Baines and Mattie Rogers.

Vastie leaves to cherish her sweet memories her brother Theodore Roosevelt Jones of Charlotte, NC, her nephews Clint (Janie) Jones of Charlotte, NC., Samuel (Lornell) Cunningham of Asbury Park, NJ., Eula Hunter of S.C. whom she raised, her sister-in-law Sarah Anderson of S.C., her caretaker Pastor Justin S. Hayward of Neptune, NJ., and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her Good Hope Baptist Church family.

# *Order of Service*

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Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament- Psalm 23  
New Testament- 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reflections  
Family and Friends  
(2mins.)

Musical Selection  
Sis. Zel Walton

Eulogy  
Pastor Justin S. Hayward

Recessional  
Family

## *Interment*

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Entombment Monmouth Memorial Park  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# *So Let Me Die in Faith*

*My body weary from these, year will to the earth return,  
But my soul free from the flesh will soar, to God to whom I yearn,  
And my friends will do me wrong to say, I'm buried in a tomb  
Or weep beside my grave not knowing I'm in my Father's room,  
Set free by death, my soul can't be imprisoned in a grave,  
When breath expires my soul will fly, back to the God who gave,  
What seems like death to fearful men, let me reach to embrace,  
Convinced that Christ will be there waiting so let me die in faith!*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in time of sorrow. Special thank you to Cleo Saunders, Omeila Holmes, and Elaine Smalls for her peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. We, the family, pray that blessings will continuously be bestowed upon you. Thank you for your visits, prayers, calls, and acts of thoughtfulness.*

*Professional Service Entrusted To:*

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