



*In Loving
Memory of*

*Sunrise
January 31, 1937*

*Sunset
December 7, 2010*

Mamie Elizabeth Spruill

*Tuesday, December 14, 2010
12:00 Noon*

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Obituary

Mamie Elizabeth Spruill-Tann was born January 31, 1937 to the late Samuel and Minnie G. Murray, in Engelhard, NC. She departed this life at the age of seventy-three on December 7, 2010 at 10:40 p.m., at the New York Presbyterian Allen Pavilion Hospital, New York, NY. Mamie is fondly, remembered as a loving sister, wife, mother and friend helping those in need and sharing her love and wisdom with all whom she knew and met.

Mamie received her early education in the Engelhard, NC Public School system, and continued her studies at the Davis High School in Engelhard, NC wherein she received her diploma. She attended the Saint Lydia Baptist Church in Swan Quarter, NC where she was a faithful member and a devoted usher. Upon receiving her diploma Mamie moved to New York and gained employment as a Bookkeeper with the Wooster Artificial Fruit and Flower Company.

Mamie met and married Paris Spruill of Harlem NY and from this union was born two children, Gwendolyn and Paris Spruill, Jr. She was a devoted wife and mother and the glue which kept her family together. After being widowed for several years, she met and married her loving husband, Lafayette Tann and shared many years of happiness together.

Preceding Mamie in death, her parents, Samuel and Minnie G. Murray and of her sibling's six brothers, Horace, Thomas, Samuel, William, David and Emmet Murray.

She leaves to rejoice in her life and to cherish fond memories: her husband, Lafayette Tann; one loving daughter, Gwendolyn Spruill of Engelhart, NC; son, Paris Spruill, Jr. of Harlem, NY; one loving brother, Armando Murray of Brooklyn, NY; two grandchildren, Margaret Spruill of Virginia Beach, VA and Matthew Spruill of Harlem, NY; one great-grandchild, Allen J. Ballard of Virginia Beach, VA; one special aunt, Flora Gibbs of Chester, NY; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Murray of Brooklyn, NY, Bertha Murray of Swan Quarter, NC and Doris Murray of Harlem, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy and Family
Opening Hymn	“Oh How I Love Jesus”
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Margaret Hough
Scriptures Reading	
Old Testament	Deacon Vernett Spencer
New Testament	Minister Curtis Paige
Solo	Minister Deborah Ferguson
Acknowledgement and Cards	Mother Marie Hemphill
Special Tribute	Ms. Gwendolyn Spruill (Daughter)
Remarks	Clergy, Family and Friends (2 minutes)
Obituary (Silent Reading)	
Solo	Deacon Vernett Spencer
Eulogy	Dr. Rev. Emma J. Knox
Funeral Directors Brief	
Final Viewing	
Processional	Clergy and Family

Interment

Mount Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey

Life Is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.

For some the journey is quicker,
For some the journey is slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord

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