

Homegoing Service
for



Sunrise
August 17, 1920

Sunset
March 3, 2011

Annie Lee Brantley

Service

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

Heard African Methodist Episcopal Church

310 East Eighth Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. Vernon H. Peters, Pastor

Life Reflections

Annie Lee Brantley, beloved daughter of the late Julia Seabon Westbrook and James Lee Westbrook was born August 17, 1920 in Yale, Virginia. Upon her mother's death in 1927, she and her siblings moved to the Jerseyland section of Scotch Plains, New Jersey to be raised by their aunt and uncle, Blanche and Walter Andrews. Annie graduated from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

She married Charles Bowman Brantley on June 21, 1941. Annie and Charles were devoted to each other and joyfully celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1991.

Annie was an active and dedicated parent and served as an officer of the PTA for many years and the Roselle Ram's Booster Club. She continued this involvement with her "grands", quizzing them on spelling and math, attending football games, plays and recitals.

Annie was hard working all of her life, securing her first job in 9th grade. She worked in the Defense Industry during World War II. Annie was also an entrepreneur bringing in additional income working as a domestic, a laundress and seamstress. She made most of her clothes as well as those worn by her children.

The Church, community and friends were where Annie Lee focused her energies outside her family. Annie taught Sunday school for 35 years. She joined Heard AME Church in 1990, where she was an active participant of the Louise Wilson Missionary Society, the Hour of Prayer Bible Study and Heard Senior Society Class. In 2008 she was honored by Heard as Mother of the Year, and in 2010 by the Missionary Society for continuous dedicated service. She was also an everyday Prayer Warrior, who people called from near and far asking her to put someone on the prayer list.

An active member of Gideon's International Newark Camp, Annie passed out Bibles on College Campuses and in Hospitals always offering a hand, smile or prayer. Learning how to quilt brought her joy in her later years. She sold her quilts at Craft shows, and shared her hobby teaching quilting to students and seniors. Annie also enjoyed baking sweet potato pies and shipped them to delighted friends and family across the country.

Annie nurtured and treasured the friendships she made and was always there when needed to offer a kind word, a bible verse or any other help she could. There was a core group she talked to and prayed with daily over the years but none longer than her dear friend Louise Wilson whom she talked to every day for the last 70 years even on her last day.

Annie got hooked on sports running track in high school, and always turned to Sports first when she read the newspaper. Football and basketball were her favorites sometimes watching 2 games a night.

Annie Lee Brantley departed this life on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 10:30 p.m. seven months after a dancing at her 90th birthday celebration back in Jerseyland just like she did in the 1930's at Shady Rest, the first African-American golf and country club in the United States, where she met her beloved Charles. She was predeceased by her husband Charles; four brothers: William, Levi, James "Peachie", Horace; and her sister, Virginia.

She leaves her family to cherish wonderful memories: three children, Glenn, Carol and Francena "Fran" Brantley; daughter-in-law, Muriel Brantley; her sister, Rosabelle Johnson and two sisters-in-law, Jackie Westbrook and Emma Gilmore; four grandchildren, Christopher Brantley, Kelli Morales, Scott and Stacey Harrell and granddaughter-in-law, Gail Harrell; six great-grandchildren, Kayla Brantley, Justin and Jared Morales, Jason, Malcolm and Aaron Harrell; and many nieces, nephews cousins and friends.

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude Mr. Michael Reeves

Processional

Hymn.....“Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus” - Page 511

Scriptures
Old Testament - Psalm 91..... Scott Harrell, Grandson & Gail Harrell, Grand-daughter-in-law
New Testament - Philippians 4:4-13 Justin Morales, Great Grandson

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Vernon H. Peters

Hymn.....“I Come to the Garden Alone” - Page 452

Words of Comfort.....Rev. George White

Obituary.....Regina Edwards

Hymn.....“When Peace like a River” - Page 448

Words from the family.....Glenn Brantley,
Carol Brantley, Fran Brantley

Eulogy.....Rev. Vernon H. Peters

Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Entombment

*Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey*

Repast

Immediately following the Interment the family will receive family and friends for a repast in the Fellowship Hall at Heard A.M.E. Church.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Annie Brantley** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this time of sorrow. Your kind expressions of love and support are a great source of strength and much comfort. We will keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of Annie Lee Brantley

*Christopher Brantley
Scott Harrell
Wesley Wilson*

*Justin Morales
Rodney PointduJour
Monty Dickerson*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Rudolph Sandlin
John Cummins*

Miss Me But Let Me Go

Unknown

When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set on 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 a part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
miss me--but let me go.



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