

A portrait of a smiling woman with dark curly hair, wearing a white headband and a light-colored jacket. A large, light blue rose is overlaid on the lower left side of the image.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

*Sunrise
July 8, 1933*

*Sunset
January 16, 2012*

Geraldine Benson
“Mama Jerry”

Saturday, January 21, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES
1053 Intervale Avenue • Bronx, NY 10459

Leroy Bowder, Speaker

The Obituary

Geraldine Benson was born on July 8, 1933 in Marion County, Mississippi to James Cowart and Nercelia Guy.

She graduated from Magee Creek High School in Tylertown, Mississippi. She married Oscar Dee Benson in 1952. Always a proud, beautiful, black woman, she later decided to make a daring move to New York City in 1957 where she began working in factories and other odd jobs to support herself and family.

She could be so entertaining and enjoyed making people laugh. And we know laughter is good for the soul. She was also known to be feisty and would always speak her mind, and did so quite bluntly. These qualities are what made her so unique, and more than likely, the reason why people adored her so much.

In 1993, she became a Jehovah's Witness. She was a pioneer for several years and served the religion faithfully until her demise. We thank Jehovah for letting us share the life of this dear woman.

On Monday, January 16, 2012, Geraldine "Mama Jerry" departed from this life at Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, NY. She was 78 when she died.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Patricia Ann Gavin of Memphis, Tennessee, Dorothy Deal, Pearlina Ray and Janice Benson; and one son, Larry Benson, all of New York; granddaughters, Simply Denise, Kimberly Benson, Latania Brailsford, Shaquazsha Toy Benson, Olympia Pearl Rose, Saynia Danesha Rose, Mercedes Ray and Justine Ray; grandsons, Desmond Benson, Robert Unique Simmons and Earl Ray Jr. She also leaves a host of other grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Viewing - Starts at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Song 55	“Life Without End At Last”
Opening Prayer	James Glenn
Funeral Discourse	Leroy Browder
Closing Song 111	“He Will Call”
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Johnson
Recessional	<i>Direction to Rest</i>
Final Viewing	

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

Life Without End - At Last

Song 55 - (John 3:16)

1. Can you see, with your mind's eye,
Peoples dwelling together?
Sorrow has passed. Peace at last!
Life without tears and pain.

(Chorus)

2. In those days old will grow young,
Flesh revived as in childhood.
Troubles are gone, from now on
No need to weep or fear.

(Chorus)

3. Paradise all will enjoy
As they sing of God's glory.
Yes, ev'ry day we will say
To God our Maker, “Thanks!”

(CHORUS)

*Sing out with joy of heart.
You too can have a part.
Live for the day when you'll say:
‘Life without end—at last!’*

He Will Call

(Song 111)

Life, like a mist, appears for just a day,
Then disappears tomorrow.
All that we are can quickly fade away,
Replaced with tears and sorrow.
If a man should die, can he live again?
Hear the promise God has made:

CHORUS

*He will call; The dead will answer.
They shall live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we shall live forever,
As the work of his own hand.*

Friends of our God, though they may pass away,
Will never be forsaken.
All those asleep who in God's mem'ry stay,
From death he will awaken.
Then we'll come to see all that life can be:
Paradise eternally.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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