

In Loving Memory of



Gearline Davis

Sunrise

June 5, 1932

Sunset

July 25, 2013

Service

Friday, August 2, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 West 116th Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Angels came early Thursday, July 25, 2013, to claim God's child from Lenox Hospital in NYC. Gearline Filmore Davis was born on June 5, 1932 to Ella and James Filmore, Sr. in Williamsburg County, SC. She was the second of seventeen children.

Gearline attended grade school and middle school in South Carolina and Florida. She continued on to graduated from Rosemary High School in SC.

Gearline met and was united in marriage to Willie James Davis on September 25, 1948. From this union she was blessed with six children. Four daughters Radie, Velfer and Josephine (who proceeded her in death) and two sons, James and Tommie.

Gearline relocated to Harlem, NY in early 1950, where she was employed in various positions. Later in life she served the public by returning to school to achieve her certification and licensing's as a Family Day Care Provider for the East Harlem Tenants Council.

Gearline was baptized in Jerusalem U.M. Church in Salters, SC. She joined Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in NYC where she continued to serve her community and Christ working with New Yorker's who lived as shut-ins. She also served on the church's Missionary Board and was a member of the Eastern Stars NY Chapter.

Gearline, who was affectionately known as "Ma", "MS. G", "Ma Davis", "Mama D", or simply "Gearly Baby" was a great mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and also adopted and fostered numerous children in need. She had a love of helping people and coming to their aid. She believed what Matthew chapter 25, verses 35 to 40 stated:

"For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home..."

To all who knew and loved Gearline know this belief was her true calling. She was admired, respected and held in a place of honor amongst the young and old, friends and family alike. Gearline loved to dress for church and social functions and each outfit had a big beautiful hat to match.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: husband, Willie James; devoted children, Radie (Rudolph) Cotman, James (Barbara) Davis, Rosalie (Joe) Deas, Velfer (Richard) Younger, Tommie Davis, Betty Gonder and Abraham Wilson; son-in-law, Eddie Cotman; adopted daughters, Marie King and Brenda Miller; one sister, Marie Tisdale (Samuel) of SC; brother-in-law, Julius Davis (Annabelle) NYC; sisters-in-law, Lucille Lewis of SC, Betty Jean Tisdale of Florida, Lillie Filmore of Georgia and Catherine Filmore of Florida; sixteen grandchildren, nineteen and three quarter great grandchildren; two godchildren, Stephanie Marion and Leo White; a long time special friend whose friendship endured many years, Shirley Epps; her BFF, Khalilah; plus a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Soloist

Koquita Cotman
Velver Davis-Younger
Bishop Mary Freeman
Canaan BC Choir

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

April Watts

Selection

Words of Comfort

Thomas D. Jonson, Senior Pastor

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey

Repast

At 2078 2nd Avenue • New York, New York 10029

Pallbearers

Amir Cotman	Durrell Cotman
George Davis	Raseed Defense
Zakii Cotman	Morris Charlton



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. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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