

**Alpha**  
November 7, 1929

**Omega**  
December 30, 2013

**Well Done**  
*Thy Good and Faithful Servant*



*Deaconess Janie Brown Graham*

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only but to all them also that love his appearing.”*

*II Timothy 4:7-8*

*Service*

Saturday, January 4, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

535 Rev. Gadson L. Graham Way  
Paterson, New Jersey

***Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Officiating***

## *Reflections of Life*

November 7, 1929 is a day that will forever be significant. On that date, The Museum of Modern Art opened in New York and over seven hundred miles away, God created another masterpiece, when he blessed the world with Janie Brown through the union of the late Peter and Katie Brown in Lake City, SC.

Janie accepted Christ at an early age and received her formal education through the Public School System in Lake City, SC. Years later she married the late David Graham, Sr. Once married they relocated to Teaneck, New Jersey where Janie was employed by the Miller - Rosenthal family until her retirement.

Janie would affectionately answer to many names. To some she was “Deaconess,” one with a heart to serve, to many she was “Aunt Janie,” because she understood that it really does take a village to raise a child, to others she was “Sister,” realizing that a sister is a friend to the end, and lastly she was simply “ma and Grandma,” the jewel that God deposited to love her family and the glue to hold them together. Ma Janie was one who truly loved the Lord. She never met a stranger and her contagious laugh will forever tickle the ears of her loved ones. Sister Janie realized at an early age that she was blessed to be a blessing to others.

Deaconess Janie was a prayer warrior and faithful member of Canaan Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ, where she diligently worked with many ministries: Deaconess, President of Senior Missionary, Willing Workers, Young Women’s Ministry, Educational Fund, Pastor’s Aide, member of the Senior Choir, The Prison Ministry and Haitian Project. In her community she volunteered with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts of America. She tirelessly spread her blessings and the Gospel through her missionary work across the globe visiting the sick and shut-in, working with the needy and feeding the hungry. One of her proudest moments was when she visited the Holy Land of Israel.

Sister Janie was preceded in death by her husband, David Graham Sr.; Sisters, Betty McFadden and Tina Godwin; brothers, JR Brown, Elroy Brown (Toni) and Isaiah Brown (Mattie Lou); grandson, Terrence McFadden; sisters-in-law, Lillie Bell Dickey (Walter Sr.), Lillian Graham, Chessie Cockfield (JD), Marion Wright, Helen Singletary; and brother-in-law, Ben Fulmore; god -child adopted by love, Undean Pittman.

She transitioned to her heavenly home on Monday, December 30, 2013 at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Janie leaves to cherish her memory: sons, David Graham, Jr. (Jill), Teaneck, NJ; Jerry Graham (Juanita), Teaneck, NJ; and James Graham (Rachel) Lake City, SC; daughters, Velma McFadden, Patricia Myers-McGeary (Merry), Teaneck, NJ; Veronica Logan-Green (Ronald), Newport News, VA; sisters, Verlie Brown, Springfield, NY and Lilly Mae Fulmore, Englewood, NJ; brother, Andrew Brown, Weldon, NC; grandchildren, Myesha, Keman, and Maria Graham, Teaneck, NJ; Jennille Logan, Hampton, VA; Tanya McFadden and Denise Gibson, Hackensack, NJ; eight great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Dr. Gadson L. Graham (Harrie Maude), Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ. Willie B. Godwin, Lake City, SC, Guy McFadden, Paterson, NJ; sister-in-law, Mary Brown, Weldon, NC; a host of nieces, nephews; extended family, Cecily Miller-Rosenthal Ned, Billy and Andy Miller, Sandy Miller, Firestone and Susie McNeill; god-child, Ricky Jackson; god-children adopted by love, Catherine Clark, Rev. Neola Princess Jones-Curry, Peggy Stevens, and Min. Victoria Wilder; special friends, Annie Jones, Deaconess Ruby Blash, Martha White, Helen Shepperson, Elma Trapp, Jeanette Brown, Elizabeth Bennett, Hester Peterson, Alberta Lee, Roy and Janet McClam, Clarissa Newkirt and her Canaan Baptist Church Family.

# Order of Worship

Hymn ..... *Hold To God's Unchanging Hand*  
Choir

Solo ..... *"I Need You Now"*  
Sis. Veronica O'Neal

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... *Psalm 23*  
Rev. Barry Graham  
Assist. Pastor, Canaan Baptist Church

New Testament ..... *St. John 14:1-5*  
Rev. Neola Princess Jones-Curry  
Pastor, Koionia & Christian Ministry

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev., Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.  
Sr. Pastor, Community Baptist Church of Englewood

Solo ..... Brother Walter Dickey, Jr.

## Acknowledgements

and Reflections ..... Sis. Gwendolyn Drakeford

Remarks..... Deaconess Connie Jones  
Deacon Cebra Carter

Solo..... Deacon Michael Darby

Message of Encouragement ..... Rev., Dr. Gadson L. Graham

## Benediction

Recessional ..... *"Let the Church Say Amen"*

**Interment**  
George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey

Repast will be directly following burial:  
Canaan Baptist Church  
535 Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way • Paterson, NJ 07514

## *May I Go Now?*

May I go now? May I go now? Do you think the time is right?  
May I say good-bye to pain-filled days  
And endless lonely nights? I've lived my life and done my best,  
An example tried to be, So, can I take that step beyond  
And set my spirit free? I didn't want to go at first.  
I fought with all my might. But something seems to draw me  
now To a warm and loving Light. I want to go. I really do.  
It's difficult to stay. But I will try as best I can  
To live just one more day. To give you time to care for me  
And share your love and fears. I know you're sad and are afraid,  
Because I see your tears. I'll not be far. I promise that; and hope  
you'll always know That my spirit will be close to you,  
Wherever you may go. Thank you so for loving me.  
You know I love you too. That's why it's hard to say good-bye  
And end this life with you. So hold me now just one more time  
And let me hear you say,  
Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

- Susan Jackson

## *Acknowledgement*

*The members of the family would like to thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement and acts of kindness in their time of bereavement. May god continue to bless you.*

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