

Celebration for the Life of



Ruth Johnson James

April 27, 1948 – March 19, 2014

Reflections of Life

Ruth L. Johnson James of Paterson, New Jersey born on April 27, 1948 to the late Roosevelt and Esther Johnson, and departed this life on March 19, 2014.

Ruth was raised in Halifax County, North Carolina. She started her Christian journey at the Crowell Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. McKinley Nicholson. She sung on the choir taught the small children Sunday School Class.

Ruth was educated mostly in the North Carolina public School System. She relocated to Baltimore, MD to live with an older brother Roy. She continued her education at the Fredrick Douglas High School, and graduated with honors in 1966.

Ruth relocated to Paterson, NJ in 1966. She immediately started mapping out a plan for her life time goals. She wanted to study Business Administration. She enrolled in the Business Education Skills Training Program which operated under the US Dept. of Labor. She was able to complete this program successfully, and graduated as the Valedictorian.

Ruth went on to work several places in New Jersey. She loved the challenge of advancing herself wherever she was employed.

Ruth was employed at the Department of Social Services for the State of New Jersey. She loved her work and spent most of her working career at the State of New Jersey. She was able to move forward to higher positions because she was a very serious worker. She retired in 2009 after her health began to fail. She met many friends while employed for the State of New Jersey.

Ruth always enjoyed her life at home with her late husband Jack James. She loved cooking for family and friends, she was a great baker. Family members were always requesting her strawberry short cakes.

Ruth and Jack loved fishing. They would travel throughout New Jersey seeking the best fishing spots. They also enjoyed traveling to Atlantic City and Las Vegas. We enjoyed a beautiful trip to Jamaica to attend Mesha and OY's wedding she was a great spirit.

Ruth leaves to cherish fond memories: one brother, Wilbert Johnson (Joan) of Yanceville, NC; two sisters, Lillie Harrison of Baltimore, MD, and Mary Warren of Fulton, MD; two sisters-in-law, Berline Johnson and Joan Johnson; brothers-in-law, James Harrison, George James, Clarence James and Jessie James; one god-son, Andre Carter; and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors..

The family wants to thank Emmitt Mason who helped Ruth take care of her home and other needs over the past four years

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

535 East 22nd Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating

Maurice Boddie, Organist

Order of Service

Prelude Maurice Boddie

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Words of Comfort Rev. Barry Graham

Recessional



Interment

Arbutus Memorial Park
Baltimore, Maryland

FROM THE FAMILY

Ruth loved the way you embraced life on Earth; How you tried to help us all by giving your spirit, time, love and understanding. You would always find a way to help us. Now you have gone to Heaven to rest because God loves you Best.

Life is:

A mystery, Unfold it.
A journey, Walk it.
Painful, Endure it.
Beautiful, See it.
A joke, Laugh at it.
A song, Sing it.
A flower, Smell it.
Wonderful, Enjoy it.
A candle, Light it.
Precious, Don't waste it.
A gift, Open it.
Love, Give it.
Unlimited, Go for it.
Light, Shine in it.

I am all that life is.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital for caring for **Ruth**, and those who showed the family so much kindness during this challenging time.

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