Celebrating The Life of



Sunrise September 1, 1945

Sunset July 11, 2014

Monday, July 21, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

GENESIS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

A 333 13th Avenue Newark, New Jersey Reverend Robert Foster, Pastor

Rev. Brent W. Sterling, Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>

On Friday, July 11, 2014 our beloved mother Fannie (Barnes) Southall

answered the Master's final call. Fannie was born in Homeville, Virginia to the late Mollie Barnes Yancey and Jeff Fields on September 1, 1945.

Fannie worked for many years at the Newark Board of Education as Head of Security until retiring. After retiring, she took on the job of driving the blind with the Self Determination Program, Elizabeth, New Jersey her clients were, Thomas Carswell and Diane Robinson.

In 1990, she became a member of High Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Newark, NJ. During this fellowship she served on several auxiliaries and held many positions. She was President of The Pastor's Aide Cooperative Group of the Oranges, Newark and Vicinity and the President of HHMBC Pastor's Aide Ministry. She was the Youth Sunday school Teacher, she loved her little ones. She organized and formed a Food Pantry Ministry at HHMBC which became her passion. She was a member of the Voices of Hope Choir.

Fannie was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all. While Fannie loved to be on the go, she always made time for her friends and loved ones, her favorite saying was always remember "*That I tried to Love and treat everyone in the way I wanted to be treated*."

She was predeceased in death by her parents, and her infant son, John Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband, John of forty-seven years; one son, Vernon of East Orange, NJ; two daughters, Melissa of East Orange, NJ and Michelle of Newport News, VA; seven grandchildren, Tiffani of CA, Michael of NJ, Tanisha of NJ, Taijalon of VA, Brian of NJ, Taliyah of VA and Corey of VA; six precious great grandchildren; a sister, Catherine Coleman of VA. She will be missed by special cousins, Geraldine Fields and Mildred Speaks; two very special "Road dogs," Nell Smith and Equilla Rogers who were at her beside in her time of need; and a host of relatives and friends whom she loved dearly.

Favorite Song "May the Work I've Done Speak For Me"

Order of Service

The PreludeBrother Elijah Souels
Worship LeaderElizabeth Allbrook
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Invocation
Solo
Holy Scriptures Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-10 New Testament - John 14:1-6
Prayer of ComfortDeacon Hayes Battle (Laymen's President, Mt. Olive, Hoboken, NJ)
Selection"I'll Fly Away"
PoemRadiah Washington (HHMBC Youth Department)
Remarks (2 minutes please)Deacon Jerry Burke (HHMBC) Deacon Thomas Carswell (HHMBC)
Sister Deborah Johnson (1 st VP of Pastor Aide Co-Op, Mt. Olive, E.O.)
Acknowledgements & ObituarySister Nell Smith
Solo "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me"
Message Of ComfortPastor Brent W. Sterling High Hope Missionary Baptist Church • Newark, New Jersey
RecessionalClergy and Family

Interment Rosedale Cemetery • 367 Washington St., Orange, NJ

> **Repast** Immediately following the interment in the church Fellowship Hall

You can shed tears that she is gone Or you can smile because she has lived You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left Your heart can be empty because you can't see her Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back Or you can do what she'd want: Smile, Open Your Eyes, Love and

> *GO ON*. Author unknown

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