

A Celebration Of the Life of



Sis. Cleese Jenkins

Sunrise

June 10, 1908

Sunset

September 23, 2014

Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Viewing - 5:00 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.
Service - 7:00 p.m.

ST. LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH

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Reverend Marcellus A. Norris
Pastor

Obituary

Sis. Elease Jenkins was born on June 10, 1908 to the late Mr. Willie and Mrs. Emma Choice Wright in Statesboro, South Carolina. She was the eldest daughter of nine siblings, seven daughters and two sons.

Her journey ended on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at her home in the Bronx, NY.

Sis. Jenkins never received a formal education, yet possessed a knowledge and wisdom that many can only hope to acquire.

In the year of 1928, Sis. Elease was blessed with her firstborn, her daughter, Ophelia Richardson Turner and in 1944, she traveled to New York with her husband, the late Mr. James Richardson and daughter, Ophelia, seeking a better future.

Many years later, following the death of her first husband, she would meet Mr. James Jenkins (predeceased) and from that union were born sons, Henry and James Jenkins, Jr.

Sis. Elease worked tirelessly for over thirty years as a domestic worker until retiring at the age of sixty-five.

She was a member of St. Luke AME Church for over fifty years and served faithfully on Class #14 and Stewardess Board #1 until she became homebound.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and a friend to all. With a foundation built on faith and love, she instilled values and knowledge in her family that will never be forgotten. Her most important teaching was “as long as you have Jesus, you don't have to worry about anything else.” Without a doubt, she walked by faith and not by sight.

Sis. Elease has been a great source of wisdom and strength to her family and a loving person to her neighbors and friends.

She was blessed with an unparelled vitality, having witnessed 106 years of our United States History and we were truly blessed to have her in our lives. She was very much loved and will be greatly missed by all. Today, we are proud and honored to celebrate the life of Sis. Elease Jenkins.

She is survived by her three children: Ophelia Turner, Henry and James Jenkins, Jr.; nine grandchildren, Alonzo Turner, Yvonne Turner, Lisa Griffen, Henry Griffen, Lamont Parker, Charlene Jenkins, James Jenkins III, Rasan Jenkins and Charmaine Jenkins (predeceased); seventeen great grandchildren, Andrea Miller, Felecia D. Turner, Danielle Turner, Kashauna E. Coleman, Rakeem J. Coleman, Tamara A. Pizarro, Shaundale J. Gore, Tamika Alleyne, Prince E. Tolliver, Tamaya Griffen, Dajoin Griffen, Janessa Griffen, Deandre Griffen, Chrissy Jenkins, Javanna Jenkins, Jalessa Jenkins and Teann Jenkins. In addition, she leaves sixteen great-great grandchildren, including Zakai A. Wright, Sualee' C. Wright and Shaylee S. Wright, who lived at home with her; two daughters-in-law, Deborah Jenkins and Brenda Jenkins; sons-in-law, Van Turner (predeceased), Carlton ("Sunshine") Coleman; grandson-in-law, Barron Wright; loving sister, Sarah Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Down the road that is calm and peaceful, guided by God's loving hands, she has gone upon a journey to a brighter and fairer land, although our hearts are heavy with the sorrow we must bear, it seems to bring us comfort to know that she's happy there.

*Lovingly Submitted
by
The Family*

Order of Service

The Processional with Scripture Sentences.....Clergy and Family

The Hymn of Comfort (#448).....“When Peace Like A River”

The Prayer of Consolation

The Choral Response

The Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

The Worship Through Music.....The Mass Choir
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Acknowledgements.....Sis. Mary S. Davis

Moments of Reflection (3 Minutes)

Family Member

Sis. Mary Lewis Stewardess Board #1

Sis. Rosalie Deas-Greene Class #14

Solo.....Rev. Zavette Smallwood

The Official Board Resolution.....Sis. Mary S. Davis

The Obituary (read silently)

The Worship Through Music.....The Mass Choir
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Words of Comfort

Reverend Marcellus A. Norris

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Benediction and Recessional

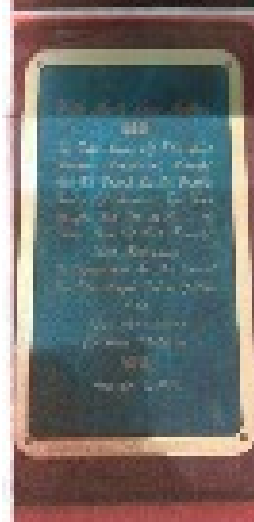
The Committal at the Gravesite

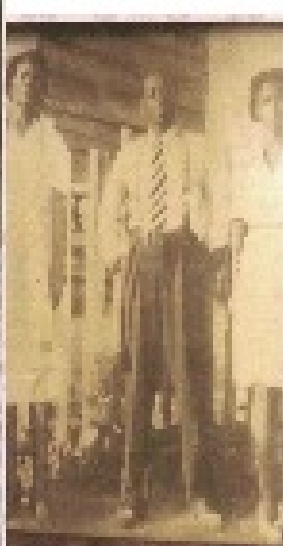
Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery

280 Secor Road

Hartsdale, New York 10530





*Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those
who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart.*

(Psalm 15:1-2)

Going Home



Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Sis. Elease Jenkins** express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks to all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement. A special thank you to Dr. Kathleen Ward, her doctor for over thirty years and a sincere thanks to Santos and Lola, who were more than caregivers in her life.*

Thank you - St. Luke AME Church, Rev. Marcellus A. Norris, Sis. Avis Hudson, Sis. Mary S. Davis, Class 14 and all who contributed to this day. God bless all of you.

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