

In Loving Memory of



Ruth Rose Hawkins-Knight

Sunrise

December 12, 1923

Sunset

October 25, 2014

Service

Thursday, October 30, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

United Deliverance Church

337 Avon Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor London Jones, Officiating

Obituary

Deaconess Ruth R. Hawkins-Knight, Church Mother

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not me only; but unto all them that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

On Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 1:15 p.m., God called Ruth to be one of His angels. She's the wind beneath our wings and promise in our hearts. Mother Knight was born to the late Joseph and Lucy Jones in Oxford, NC. She had five brothers, Joseph (Red) Jones, Alonzo (Fonzo) Jones of Oxford, NC and Yancy and Ernest Jones (Uncle Pete) of New Jersey. She also had three sisters, all of whom preceded her in death, Adel Green of North Carolina, Annie Lee Freeman of Newark, NJ and Josephine Rodger of New York.

Ruth was married to the late Frank McCormick and six children were born to this union. After being widowed, she married Prince Hawkins. She was widowed again and then married Deacon Varnis Knight. The two were married until his death in 2008. Pop was a great stepfather. He enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Deaconess Knight was a member of New Bethel Missionary Church located on Rankin Street in Newark, NJ under the leadership of the late Rev. C.E. Young, and her present, Pastor Rev. London Jones. She was a member of the church for over fifty-six years. She served as President of the Pastor's Aide, as a Missionary and Deaconess, and she was later named a Church Mother. Her favorite work in the church was as a Missionary. On every fifth Sunday, she would visit the sick in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes. Even in later years when she could no longer visit, she made phone calls and sent her daughters. She loved the fact that her two daughters were ministers.

Ruth also served her community as a member of her Neighborhood Block Association and she also worked with local politicians. She believed that everyone should vote and support their party.

Ruth was one of the first black women to start her own business in New Jersey. She later went to work for Chrill Home Care Services until she retired after twenty-seven years as a caregiver and companion.

Ruth was preceded in death by four of her children, Annie Ruth McCormick, Douglas McCormick, Charles (peewee) McCormick and Benjamin McCormick.

Mother Knight leaves to mourn her: two daughters, Bishop Mary Smitherman of Irvington, NJ and Apostle Gladys M. Sique of Harrisburg, PA; six grandchildren, Charles (Fish) McCormick of Irvington, NJ, Bobby Shipp-Smitherman of North Carolina, Celestine (Tina) McCormick of Newark, NJ, Pamela (Pam) McCormick of Harrisburg, PA and Frederick J. (Freddie) Smitherman of Oklahoma; great grandchildren, Omar Sique of Harrisburg, PA, Tiffany Felton of East Orange, NJ, Isheea Singleton of Newark, NJ, Donnell W. McCormick of Irvington, NJ, Jamel McCormick of Newark, NJ and Jalisa McCormick of California; great-great grandsons, Aharon and Elijah Manes of Oklahoma and Davion Brody of East Orange, NJ; one great-great granddaughter, London Rose McCormick of Irvington, NJ; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; and a very very special friend, Mr. Wilbert Cotton (Pop).

Order of Service



Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

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Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional



Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgements

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