

In Loving Memory of

Leah Rebecca Way Bannister

Sunrise
September 2, 1922

Sunset
October 27, 2014

Service

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

First Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

1-15 Leslie Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dunmore, Officiating

Obituary

Leah Rebecca Way Bannister was born September 2, 1922. She was the eldest daughter of the late John Henry and Bertha Coley Way. She received her education in the public school system in Paxville, South Carolina, Clarendon County.

At an early age **Leah** accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Calvary Baptist Church (SC). After she moved to New Jersey, she became a member of Mount Olive AME Zion Church. She later found her home at First Zion Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Leonard C. McClain of Albany, GA. She was a primary Sunday School teacher and worked with the Kitchen Committee.

Leah, affectionately known as **Kizzie**, moved to North Carolina seeking work and was employed at a mill during WW2. She was also a self taught organist and functioned as a domestic worker until she became ill and was no longer able.

Mrs. Bannister: on June 15, 1943 she was united in marriage to the late Charlie James Bannister. This union was blessed with five children. Soon after her marriage she and her husband moved to New Jersey. She was devoted to her children, and dreamed of seeing them all graduate High School. Her dream was fulfilled and more.

Leah was called to rest at home by our Heavenly Father on October 27, 2014.

Leah leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Charlie Jr. and Fermon Allen (Jacqueline) Bannister of Irvington, NJ; three daughters, Barbara Bannister (Irvington, NJ), DeLana Bannister (Scotch Plains, NJ) and Linda McDuffie (Oceanside, CA); six grandchildren, Joel, Andre, Darone, Dara, Elijah and Shaniece; eight great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; four brothers, Deacon John E. and Charles (Mary) Way of SC, Deacon Willis (Sara) and Frank Way of NJ; two sisters, Mattie Khan and Valeria Shumate of NJ; one brother-in-law, Roosevelt Bannister of NJ; five sisters-in-law, Rebecca (John) Bennett of NY, Queen Winslow, Hattie Winston, Dorothy Bannister and Beatrice Bannister of NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional/Viewing

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Solo Ruthie White Ward

Obituary & Acknowledgments April Cruz

Remarks

Eulogy Rev. Dellroger Dunmore

Recessional



Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!



Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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