

# Home Going Service for



*Alice L. Blanks*

*Sunrise*

*March 3, 1923*

*Sunset*

*December 2, 2014*

*Service*

*Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.*

***New Born Holy Church***

***250 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey***

***Reverend Mable Griffin, Officiating***

***Presiding - Minister Madie Stanley***

## Obituary

*Alice Luticher Blanks*, 91, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on December 2, 2014. Alice was born to Ada and Junius Hopkins in Norfolk, VA on March 3, 1923. She was one of two daughters born to this union and moved with her family to Newark, NJ as a toddler. She would live the rest of her life in New Jersey.

*Alice* was first married to James Williams in September 1939. Unfortunately, this union was short due to her husband falling ill with tuberculosis. Having been widowed at such a young age, Alice once remarked that she wasn't "looking to hurry into another marriage" and wanted only to "go out with [her] girlfriends and go dancing." Alice loved seeing the big jazz bands of the day play in New York and Newark, and she often reminisced about her first time seeing Sarah Vaughn sing in Newark as a highlight of her youth.

*Alice's* desire not to hurry into another marriage was stymied when she met her husband of forty years, Cornelius Watson Blanks. Cornelius vowed on their first date that he would marry her, and they wed in 1944. Their union lasted until his death in 1984. Alice and Cornelius had two children, Freda and Ada. Ever the clotheshorse, Alice loved to dress both girls in hats and dresses. Alice was a loving mother, and even if she had to discipline the girls, her guilt would overwhelm her and she would end up taking the girls to a movie as a compromise. At some point the girls realized this and began being naughty just to get the ultimate reward.

*Alice*, a lifelong Democrat and a person who was interested in politics, began each day reading two newspapers and discussing the news with her children and grandchildren. Every election her family could expect her to be up and dressed early to be one of the first at the polls. She also enjoyed completing crossword puzzles, playing cards with Freda, trips to Maine for lobster, Atlantic City and Foxwoods, and watching classic movies. Alice's mother was a pastor, and she often sang the hymn, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", as this was her and her mother's favorite to her great grandchildren.

*Alice* leaves to celebrate her life and memory: two daughters, Freda Boyd and Ada Clarke; a son-in-law, James Boyd; five grandchildren and their two spouses, Katherine Boyd, Monica and Joshua Ross, Sheila Boyd, John and Tamika Boyd and James Hill; and three great granddaughters who affectionately called her "Gigi", Makayla Boyd, Jamie Ross and Alyssa Boyd. She is loved and will be terribly missed.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Arthur Tookes*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament- Job 14.....Deaconess Carrie McKelvey*

*New Testament - II Corinthians 5.....Minister Paula Freeman*

*Musical Selection.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”  
Congregation*

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*Solo.....Deaconess Janie Boyd*

*Eulogy.....Reverend Mable Griffin*



# 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*

*The Family of **Alice L. Blanks** with deepest gratitude, acknowledge all of the cards, prayers, calls and many acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.*

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