

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating A Life Well Lived*  
*Evangelist Gladys Lavetta Bragg*

**Alpha**  
November 27, 1920



**Omega**  
November 29, 2014

*"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."  
II Timothy 4:7*

*Service*

Saturday, December 6, 2014 ~ 10:00 AM

**Agape Family Worship Center**

501 E. Hazelwood Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065

*Reverend Lawrence Powell, Pastor*  
*Bishop Norman Prescott, Presiding*

## *Life Reflections*

*“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love...” 1 Thessalonians 1:3*



**Evangelist Gladys Lavetta Bragg** was born to Andrew and Willie Green on November 27, 1920 in Moorhaven, Florida. She was one of 12 children, spending a majority of her formative years in West Palm Beach, Florida. She graduated from Industrial High School and shortly thereafter married her childhood sweetheart, the late Elder Robert Lee Bragg. They remained married for over 57 years until the Lord summoned her husband home to glory.

After her husband's calling to the pastorate, Holy Mountain Church of God in Christ was founded thus establishing a Sunday school where lessons were taught in the living room of their home. Affectionately called Mother Bragg during these early years, she worked diligently by her husband's side with her acknowledged missionary call and service as the first church mother. As the congregation grew, the church location changed in order to accommodate the increasing membership: 1417 Witherspoon Street in Rahway and finally to 220 East Grand Avenue in Rahway, New Jersey where it is presently located.

As co-founder, Mother Bragg's missionary zeal became more apparent. She worked at both the local and state levels within ecclesiastical jurisdictions with State Supervisors in the Women's Department. At the state level, she was a member of the Ministers Wives Circle and the *We Twelve*, a meeting of churchwomen engaged in Christian fellowship and outreach. During Mother Lucille Bazemore's tenure as Jurisdictional Supervisor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, State of New Jersey and Women's Department. Mother Bragg served on her Executive Board and participated in Mother Bazemore's monthly Unity Meetings. She traveled to Haiti twice and was heavily involved in mission's work which led to the support of an adopted Haitian child. She also received the Anne L. Bailey award, an award highlighting Mother Bragg's contributions locally, nationally, and internationally. She was also very active in the community and a member of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).

At Holy Mountain, Mother Bragg organized the Missionary Board, Junior and Senior Ushers, Hospitality Board, Pastor's Aide, Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC), Scholarship Committee, Nurses Unit, the Children's Choir, named the Robert L. Bragg Youth Ensemble, and adopted the scripture: I Corinthians 3:9 - *“For we are laborers together with God.”*

In the early 70s, she began conducting yearly revivals at the church where many young people and adults were saved and received salvation. Some of her messages were: “He Will Keep You as the Apple of His Eye” and “It Is Now Time for Deliverance” accompanied by some of the favorite songs, “Lord, Revive Us” and “Send on the Rain.”

On Saturday, November 29, 2014, Evangelist Gladys Lavetta Bragg received her angel wings and was called home to glory at the tender age of 94.

She was predeceased by her husband, Elder Robert Lee Bragg, Sr.; son, Elder Lester P. Bragg, Sr. and his wife, First Lady Bertha Mae Bragg, and 3 grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Pastor Alvin L. Bragg and his wife, Angelina L. Bragg of Metuchen, New Jersey; two daughters: Dr. Willie A. Bragg and Dr. Cynthia B. Bragg both of Perry Hall, Maryland; sister, Deloree Stargell of Willingboro, New Jersey; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Maxie Bragg and Nancy Bragg both of Palmetta, Florida; one loving cousin, Jeanette Brown of Freehold, New Jersey; one lifelong high school friend, Laura Hicks of Tinton Falls, New Jersey; 8 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family



## *To Our Beloved Mother*



Mother you were such a good one,  
You raised us oh, so well  
You lived your life and grew in grace,  
No one else can take your place  
No more pain and suffering will you  
endure we loved you so much, but God loved  
you more. He chose you to come through  
those pearly gates. Oh you are so much  
better in that perfect place. You were much  
more than a mother; you were our backbone,  
best friend, and mentor. We will always love you,  
and your memories will live with us  
for the rest of our lives.

We could not be so selfish to have you all for  
ourselves. He wanted to enjoy all of those  
magnificent memories that we have of you.

You have emerged from this earthly shell,  
Now with our Savior and Dad. You will dwell.

~ Alvin, Cynthia and Willie



*A Celebration of Victory*

**Musical Prelude**.....“When the Battle Is Over”

**Processional**.....Family and Clergy

***Sealing of the Bier***

**Call To Worship**.....**Bishop Norman Prescott, Officiant**  
Prelate, New Jersey 3rd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC, Inc.

**MINISTER:** *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*

**CONGREGATION:** *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in him will I trust*

**MINISTER:** *Surely he shall deliver thee from the snares of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence*

**CONGREGATION:** *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler*

**MINISTER:** *Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day*

**CONGREGATION:** *Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday*

**ALL:** *A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee*

*\*Congregation Stands*

**Hymn**.....“Oh How I Love Jesus”

**Invocation**.....**Elder Clinton Love**  
Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, Trenton, NJ

**The Word of the Lord**

*Old Testament* (Deut. 32:9-10).....**Elder Ollie Blackwell**, Assistant Pastor Holy Mountain COGIC, Rahway, NJ

*New Testament* (I Thess. 4: 16-18).....**Elder Kevin Bynes, Sr.**, Choir Pentecostal COGIC, New Brunswick, NJ

**Selection**.....Ensemble

**Prayer of Consolation**.....**Bishop William T. Cahoon**  
Prelate, New Garden State Jurisdiction COGIC, Inc.

**Remarks/Expressions**.....**Bishop Hersey L. Taylor and Elder Kevin Knight**

**Tributes**

*(2 minutes please)*

**Deacon Lance Adams**

Trustee Board Member, Holy Mountain Church of God in Christ  
Rahway, New Jersey

**Elect Lady Ruth Johnson-Harvey**  
Mid-Atlantic Diocese of New Jersey, Church of the Living God, Inc.

**Mrs. Barbara Green**  
Supervisor, Department of Women  
New Garden State Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Inc.

**Mother Luberta James**  
Holy Mountain Church of God in Christ  
Rahway, New Jersey

**Mother Fannie B. Knight**  
Heaven Temple Church of God in Christ  
Jersey City, New Jersey

**Mother Doris Lockett Page**  
Lockett Memorial Church of God in Christ  
Linden, New Jersey

**Mother Lucille Bazemore Spann of Baltimore, Maryland**

**Mother Vivian D. Wooden**  
Jurisdictional Supervisor, New Jersey 3rd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC, Inc.

**Family Tribute**.....**Cynthia B. Bragg, Daughter**

**Solo**.....**Anne Bragg, Great-Granddaughter**

**Acknowledgements and Resolutions**.....**Dr. Yvonne Wesley**

**Obituary**.....**Mrs. Lois Jennings**

**Solo**.....**Elder Gawain Bragg**  
Renaissance Church of God in Christ, Sicklerville, NJ

**Eulogy**.....**Pastor Lawrence Powell**  
Agape Family Worship Center, Rahway, NJ

**Benediction**

**Recessional**.....**“As Long As You’re There”**.....**Family and Clergy**

*The Family and Guests will return to Agape Family Worship Center,  
501 E. Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey for a time of fellowship.*

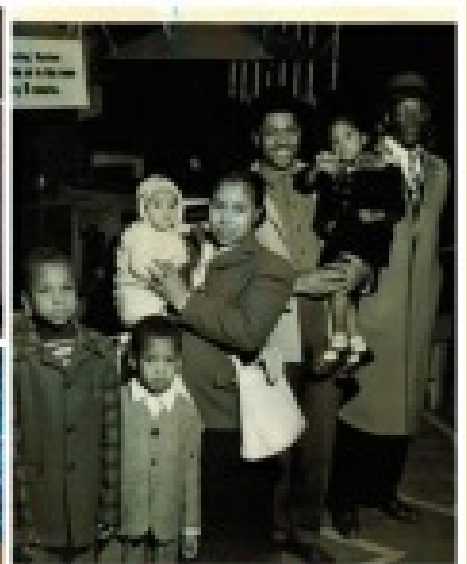
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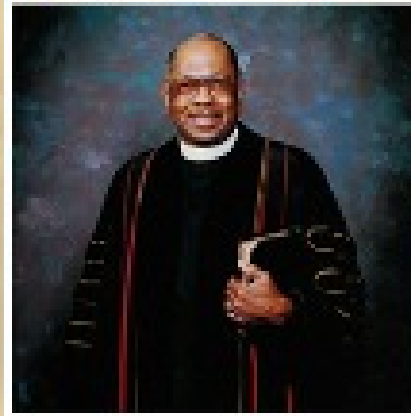
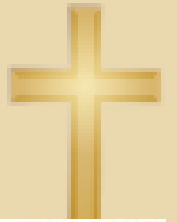


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**Pallbearers**

Kevin Chatman  
Michael Stargell, Sr.  
Angelo A. Bragg  
Lylse Daniels

Elder Gilbert Grant  
Jonathan Stargell  
Kenneth H. Bragg  
Aaron L. Bragg

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Deacon Aaron Coley  
Denise Edwards  
Beliza Adams  
Missionary Mildred Joyner  
Deacon Jamie Clark

Rose Daye  
Andre' Bragg  
Missionary Ruth West  
Deacon Williamson  
Sister Floyd



*“Mom and Dad Together Again”*

**Acknowledgement**

We, the family of **Evangelist Gladys Lavetta Bragg** wish to express gratitude and thanks for your prayers, calls, visits and other expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement.

We will remain forever grateful for your kindness, thoughtfulness and support. Thank you.

~ The Bragg Family

