

The Celebration of Life of
Anna Hairston

Sunrise

November 27, 1935

Sunset

December 31, 2014



Service

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

SECOND CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
10 Lenox Avenue • New York, NY 10026

Obituary

Anna Elizabeth Hairston was the fourth of eight children born to the late John Jr. and Mrs. Susan James on November 27, 1935.

She was educated in the local public school system of New York first at P.S. 10, she moved on to J.H.S. 81 and she graduated from Washington Irving High School.

On December 9, 1961 she married Elmer E. Hairston, from that union they had one son, Jeffrey Hairston.

She worked at Wilma's Boutique then later went to work for Sak's Fifth Ave as the first black buyer, where she retired in 1998 after 45 years of service. Anna lived in Harlem all her life. In 1976, she moved to Lakeview Apartments, being one of the first tenants in 1250 5th Avenue, where she also served on the Tenants Association.

Although a petite woman, she was quiet, friendly and feisty. She never had a problem of letting you know how she felt. She loved to read and watch Judge Judy. Anna loved her family and her grandchildren were dear to her heart, but her greatest passion in life was serving the Lord. She was a devoted member of Second Canaan Baptist Church since 1985. She served on many committees and held several positions from Jr. Teacher, Missionary, Healing Hands, Lily's of the Valley, Assistant Superintendent and in 2001 to Superintendent of Sunday School until her passing. Anna liked to work with the children in the church, she would take them to the Congress of Christian Education every year and on retreats.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her sister, Gloria Smalls; son, Jeffrey; grandsons, Matthew and Christopher; granddaughters, Nyla and Aliscia; granddaughters-in-law, Tervarda and Patrice; great grandsons, Anthony, Isiah and Christopher; great great granddaughter, Cheyanne and Melanie; (daughter, Tracy Shaw, mother of Matthew and Christopher); nieces, Jennifer McCoy and Tracy Smith; Lori James, Minnie James and Tiffany James; nephews, Cedric James and Andre Smalls; god sister, Ruby Keels and a host of grand nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Presiding Rev. Casper Niles, Pentecostal Baptist Church

Selection Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Dashawn Etheridge

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Deaconess Susan Mortimer

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Choir

Acknowledgements Shakoia Jones

Resolutions Congress of Christian Education
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Remarks Two Minutes Please

Obituary Reading Tracy Shaw

Selection Sister Leola Linnen

Eulogy Rev. Wesley Wilson, Jr.

Final Viewing

Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

Repast

Lower Fellowship Hall

To My Grandchildren,

Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain
and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
You always told me,
"get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,
I thank God because He came for me.*

-Author unknown

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