

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Rosalee Watkins, smiling and wearing glasses, a pearl necklace, and a white lace-trimmed jacket over a dark top. She is positioned in front of a large, stylized yellow flower with green leaves.

In Loving Memory of

Rosalee Watkins

February 8, 1928 - December 30, 2014

Service

Saturday, January 24, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

88 Bradhurst Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary

Rosalee Watkins was born in Charleston, South Carolina on February 8, 1928. She passed away on December 30, 2014, at the age of eighty-six years old. Growing up in Charleston, Rosalee was one to be reckoned with. As a young girl, she admits that she was a “Tomboy”. Rosalee stated that **“anything a boy could do, she could do it better”**. She drove trucks as well as tractors and she drove them very well.

Everyone loved her. She was gracious, honest and willing to assist anyone in need. You could rely on her to give you honest and scriptural advice from God’s Word the Bible. Many in the neighborhood called her “Mom” or “Mama Rose”. She always saw the good in people except upon entering the Kingdom Hall and she noticed someone was sitting in her favorite seat. Those who know her knew it was time for them to move and find another seat.

Rosalee was baptized on July 16, 1966. She served as a regular pioneer for many years and had her own magazine route for just about everyone living on Bradhurst Avenue from 151st-155th Street.

Rosalee moved to New York in her early twenties. That is where she met the love of her life, Leroy Watkins, who years later passed away as a faithful elder in the Bradhurst Congregation. Together they raised six children, Joseph Gaillard (deceased), George Gaillard, Bobby Gaillard, Ethel Marsh (better known as Cookie), Juanita Drumgold and the youngest, Leroy Watkins III, all living in New York.

She leaves behind: her now only sister, Marie Gaillard and a host of nieces, nephews, grandkids, great-grands, cousins and friends. She will greatly be missed.

Mom is resting for just a little while.

Order of Service

Song #55

“Life Without End At Last”

Obituary Reading

Brother Dwight Thomas

Poem

Brother Dwight Thomas

Funeral Discourse

Brother David Smalls

Song #134

“See Yourself When All Is New”

Prayer

Brother Reginald Walker



*Repast to follow, but **invitation only**, thank you.*

Job 14:14, 15

If a man dies, can he live again? I will wait all the days of my compulsory service Until my relief comes. You will call, and I will answer you. You will long for the work of your hands.



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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