

Home Going Service of Triumph

Mrs. Ella Mae Barnes

Sunrise
June 13, 1925

Sunset
January 17, 2015

Service

Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Officiating

Rev. Grace Aytes

Bethel A.M.E. Church, NYC

Rev. Ozzie Edwards, Organist

Sis. Gladys Nelson, Usher

Obituary

Ella Mae Barnes was born in Cordesville, SC. The first born of eleven (11) children, to the late Charles and Julia Witherspoon.

After receiving her education she moved to New York City and began her employment. She met and married the Rev. Borah Barnes who preceded her in death. One son, Arthur, Jr. who also preceded her in death. Ella Mae joined Trinity A.M.E. Church in 1959, where she worked on various boards including Vice-Chairperson of the Trustee Board.

In 1994, she moved her membership to Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church where she served on the choir and was President of the South Carolina Club, until her illness.

Ella Mae was loving, caring, family oriented and willing to help others. She was slow to anger, and easy to please. She was the sweetest person you could ever meet.

Her favorite scripture and song, Psalm 23rd and “Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee.”

Ella Mae leaves to cherish her memory: five sisters, Mrs. Emmerline Limehouse, Mrs. Janie Osborne and Edith Lloyd of SC, Mrs. Blanche (James) Cordes of NY and Elder Lucille (Flenoy) Withers of NY; four brothers, Mr. Rufus (Shirley) Witherspoon and Mr. Clarence (Shirley) Witherspoon of NY, Mr. Harold Witherspoon and Sinclair Rivers of SC; fifteen nephews, fourteen nieces, sixty-one grand nieces, forty-one grand nephews, twenty-five great grand nieces, thirty great grand nephews; and a host of relatives and friends. Among the host of friends, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Spencer, Mr. Rudy Skinner and Mrs. Eleanor Andrews.

The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Rev. Ozzie Edwards

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort.....Sis. Gladys Nelson
St. Luke A.M.E. Church

Choral Response.....“It Is Well”

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament.....Psalm 27:1-4

New Testament.....1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Solo

Acknowledgements

Remarks.....Sis. Johnnie Mae Spencer, Friend

Remarks.....Sis. Joanne Ansley, Family

Selection

Obituary (Read In Silence)

Sermonic Solo.....Sis. Johnnie Mae Spencer

Eulogy.....Rev. Hermina Waithe
Pastor Emanuel A.M.E. Church (BKLYN)

Final Viewing

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Long Island National Cemetery • Farmingdale, New York

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.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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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