

In Loving Memory of

Sunrise
September 18, 1926

Sunset
January 28, 2015

Ruth Elizabeth James

Our Mom

Ruth Elizabeth Norfleet was born on September 18, 1926 to James Henry Norfleet and Jessie Pearl Holland in Norfolk, Virginia, and had three younger siblings: Lelia Ann, James Henry, Jr., and Louise Marie. Ruth had a loving and nurturing nature and took joy in taking care of her youngest sister, Louise.

Ruth attended Booker T. Washington High School, where she was an honor student, was voted sweetheart of her senior class, and was salutatorian at her graduation. She completed the first part of her college career at Virginia State College, and then transferred to Bennett College in North Carolina where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Humanities, hoping one day to teach French.

Life took her down a different path, however, when as a young woman, Ruth decided to leave Norfolk, VA to settle in New York City. Here she met and married Cyril Edmund James. Together, they raised four daughters, Alicia, Cecile, Tynelle, and Glennis—until Ruth was widowed in 1982.

As a young mother, Ruth rediscovered her love of math and problem solving, and while she carried out the duties of motherhood, she also pursued an accounting degree via correspondence school. She worked in the accounting field for various organizations during her long career, including the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Home Health Management.

Ruth loved her church, Crenshaw Christian Center. After watching Apostle Price on television, Ruth prayed to God that He would lead her to a teaching church like CCC. Ruth was overjoyed and very grateful to God, when it was announced that Apostle Price would be establishing a branch of CCC in New York City. God had answered her prayer and on October 18, 2001, she became a member.

A charter member of the Church, Ruth was baptized on September 30, 2007 at CCC, and then went on to work first at the book table before serving as a hostess as part of the Help Ministry. She was recognized for her service to the church. Ruth also attended book club meetings, engaged in many church activities as one of the Seasoned Saints, and was known on occasion to astonish onlookers with her skill at bowling and Connect Four. Ruth James loved, and loves, both her God and her church.

Ruth also loved cross-stitching, solving cryptograms, and potato chips. We all knew that once she opened a bag of chips, if you did not grab a handful quickly it was more than likely you would not get any chips that night. Chips were not safe in the presence of Ruth James.

Ruth James passed away in the early hours of Wednesday morning, January 28, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital of a deteriorated aorta. When one of her daughters told her that she was afraid, Ruth responded "Don't be afraid; I'm going to be alright." Yes, Ruth Elizabeth Norfleet James is alright now and in the presence of God and Jesus. A loving sister, a steadfast wife, a devoted mother, a trusted friend, a Born-from-above Christian, Ruth Elizabeth Norfleet James will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Ruth is survived by: her four daughters, Alicia James, Cecile James, Tynelle Morris, and Glennis James; her sister, Louise Whitehurst; her eight grandchildren, Francisco Vazquez, Ruth Vazquez, Nicole Barnes, Rachel Robinson, Hillary Robinson, James Morris III, Jasmine Morris, and David Robinson; her four great grandchildren, Ryan Nicholson, Jacarta Scales, Asher Barnes and Jasiri Scales; her sons-in-law, Clifton Robinson and James Morris; her granddaughter-in-law, Angela Vazquez; grandsons-in-law, Jonathan Scales and James Barnes, nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Service

Thursday, February 5, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

225 W. 99th Street • New York, NY

Order of Service

Processional.....	Mona Lisa - Nat King Cole
Prayer.....	Pastor Kevin A. Adams
Scripture Readings.....	Elder Nathaniel Logan
Old Testament - Psalm 23	
New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
Selection.....	"It Is Well With My Soul"
Acknowledgements.....	Lorene O'Neal
Reflections (2 minutes please).....	Hostess Dept. Seasoned Saints
Obituary	LaRema Smith
Selection.....	"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
Eulogy.....	Pastor Kevin A. Adams
Recessional.....	Rhapsody In Blue - George Gershwin

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey

Repast

*The family will meet with relatives and friends at
St. Michael's Church Fellowship Hall after the Interment*

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

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