

*In Loving Memory of*



*Lois Stern*

*Sunrise*

July 21, 1925

*Sunset*

February 18, 2015

Service

Friday, February 27, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH**

1115 Ward Avenue • Bronx, NY 10472

## *Obituary*

**Lois Stern** was born on July 21, 1925 in Eufaula, Alabama to Lee Daniels and Augusta Hall. She was educated in Alabama and remained there until she met and married Willie Stern. They moved to Columbus, GA after Willie accepted a job at the Army base in Ft. Benning, GA, where they settled until 1947.

Lois gave her life to Christ at a very young age and in search for a better life, they moved to New York City and found a church home at Powerhouse COGIC under the leadership of Elder Thomas Johnson. She remained at Powerhouse until her husband opened his church, Little Rock COGIC in 1954. She worked faithfully as a first lady and in many other areas of service including choir director, church cook, organizer of bus rides and she formed the Rock Specials a group made up of family members.

Lois Stern always enjoyed her church and family life, however after years as a stay at home Mom she decided to return to school and earned her credentials to become a Nurses Assistant. She worked at the then Pelham Bay General Hospital in the Bronx for 25 years. Even after she began working she was always available to care for her grandchildren whom she loved dearly. She was very close to them and loved babysitting, taking them to church, amusement parks and other entertainment. They will sorely miss her.

Many years later she moved her membership to Saint Samuel COGIC under the leadership of Elder James Johnson. After the passing of Elder James Johnson, Elder Amos Kemper was voted as Pastor. She worked under his leadership until it became difficult for her to travel to Manhattan. She then joined Fellowship COGIC in the Bronx under the leadership of Elder Jay Gooding in 2003. A year later she became the Sunday School Superintendent and became a licensed deaconess missionary in 2006. Her dedication to her church life was her passion and her joy, she was a teacher at heart and loved educating new comers to Christ. She continued to work in the Church while enjoying her retirement.

She had two children that preceded her in death: Maisie Stern and James Stern. She leaves to cherish her memory: one sister, Annie Maud Lockman; three children, Cynthia Stern, Carol Stern-Willis and Davene Stern; one son-in-law, Lindsey Willis; thirteen grandchildren, Warren, Rhonda, Chante, Dexter, Nathaniel, Tyese, Ayana, Carlonda, LeMoin, Christopher, Kalilah, Amanze and Franz; twenty great-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

## Order of Service

**Master of Order: Bro. Dexter Williams**

**Organist: Dexter (Dee Jay) Williams Jr.**

Processional..... Clergy, Mothers Board, Family

Invocation..... Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave

Selection..... Sis. Judy Kendrick

Old Testament: Psalm 90:1-12 .....Min. Jay Gooding, Jr.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 .....District Missionary Louise Terry

Selection.....Rev. Roger Hambrick and Green Pasture Baptist Church

Prayer of comfort.....Supt. Amos Kemper  
St. Samuels Cathedral COGIC

Selection .....Sis. Jackie Johnson  
Pastor Thomas Johnson Jr. and St. Samuel Sounds

Reflections (please limit to two minutes) .....Clergy  
Auxiliary Leaders  
Friends

Family tributes

Solo

Resolutions and Condolences.....Sis. Jeanne Hanley

Reading of Obituary

Selection.....Fellowship Tabernacle/Miracle Revival COGIC

Eulogy.....Supt. Jay A. Gooding, Sr.  
Fellowship Tabernacle COGIC  
Miracle Revival Temple COGIC

Passing glimpse..... Funeral Director

Benediction

*Interment*

Rosehill Cemetery • Linden, New Jersey

# *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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