

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Carrie Elizabeth Taliaferro, is the central focus. She has dark, curly hair and is wearing a bright pink button-down shirt over a white top. She is adorned with several gold necklaces, including a prominent cross pendant. The portrait is set against a background of large, soft-focus pink roses. The overall color palette is dominated by pinks and whites, with a subtle starry pattern in the background.

*A Celebration of Life for  
Carrie Elizabeth Taliaferro*

**Sunrise**  
July 10, 1925

**Sunset**  
March 12, 2015

Friday, March 20, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

**MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

189 Pearl Street  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Betty Montgomery, Officiating*



# Reflections of Life

**Carrie Elizabeth Williams-Taliaferro** was called home on March 12, 2015. Carrie was born on July 10, 1925 in Farmville, VA. She helped raise her siblings because she was the oldest. She met and married Richard F. Taliaferro on January 18, 1947. Through this union they had two sons and later shared their love with two daughters.

She moved to Paterson, NJ in 1949 with her husband, Richard. Most of her days in Paterson were spent on Pearl Street. She learned to drive at a late age and then there was no stopping her, she would go, when she got ready.

She was a dedicated member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ where she was the Mother of the Church and sang on the choir. Carrie enjoyed styling her hats and heels on Sundays.

Carrie was predeceased by her husband, Richard F. Taliaferro; her mother, Mary Lee Williams; father, Samuel Williams; brothers, Joe Williams, John Williams and Samuel Williams; sisters, Oneida Foster and Sarah Williams-Lighty all of Paterson, NJ and her granddaughter, Sabrina "Penny" Dickson of Paterson, NJ.

Cherished memories will forever be in the hearts of her: two sons, Willie "Billy" (Barbara) Taliaferro of Paterson, NJ; Ricky (Estela) Taliaferro of Clifton, NJ; her two daughters, Althea "Babs" Taliaferro of Newark, NJ and Shanelle "Nana" Taliaferro of Clifton, NJ; her sisters, Mary James and Christine Johnson both of Paterson, NJ; her brother, James (Bernadine) Williams of Farmville, VA; sister-in-law, Viola Williams of Paterson, NJ; brother-in-law Thomas "Buddy" Taliaferro of Buckingham, VA and a aunt, Edith Sims of Farmville, VA; her grandchildren, Michael Carter of Richmond, VA, Richard Taliaferro of Clifton, NJ, Stephanie Taliaferro of Clifton, NJ, Lee Ison Jr., Jamell Ison and Tylagia Peace all of Newark, NJ, Lakisha McNeil of Mt. Holly, NJ, Alton Dickson of Orange, NJ, Shirley Dickson of Paterson, NJ, Alexander Dixon-Taliaferro of Clifton, NJ; her great-grandchildren, Isabella Daniels of Clifton, NJ, Nia Rolle and Aleena Rolle of Mt. Holly, NJ, Quanteria Dickson of Paterson, NJ, Jasmine Dickson of Charlotte, NC, Ashley Dickson of Orange, NJ, Lee Ison III and Amoura Ison both of Newark, NJ and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



# Order of Service



**Presiding**.....Rev. Betty Montgomery  
“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them.”  
Rev. 14:13 (KJV)

## Musical Prelude

## Processional

**Hymn of Celebration**.....“*Glory to His Name*” pg.19

## The Word of the Lord

**Old Testament**.....Psalm 23

**New Testament**.....Matthew 22:36-40

“I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me, though He were dead, yet shall he live, and whoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?”

## Prayer of Comfort

**Musical Selection**.....Choir

**Remarks**.....Officers of the Church  
Deacon Ministry  
Trustee Ministry  
Senior Choir

**Remarks from the Community**.....(2 minutes please)

## Musical Selection

**Resolution**.....Trustee Rosa White

## Acknowledgements & Reflection of Life

**Sermonic Selection**.....Choir

**Eulogy**.....Rev. Betty Montgomery

## Benediction



**Interment**  
Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

*Mom,  
She Is Gone*

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind,  
Be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want;  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.  
- The Taliaferro Children



*Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Carrie Elizabeth Taliaferro** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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