

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short dark hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a black and white patterned top and a pink wristband. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple and blue.

In Loving Memory of

Mother Vernell Bright

Sunrise
October 4, 1913

Sunset
April 26, 2015

Service

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE

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Bishop Charles Wright, Officiating

Obituary

*Today we celebrate the long and wonderful life of **Mother Vernell Bright**.*

Mother Vernell Robinson Bright was born on October 4, 1913, to the late Abraham and Lovie Robinson in Walterboro, South Carolina.

She was educated at the Colleton Training School in Walterboro, South Carolina.

Mother Bright was the oldest of ten children, all of her siblings preceded her in death. She met and married the late Benjamin Bright on January 7, 1935, from this union one child was born, Annette Patricia. Sister Annette Richardson-Bright preceded her mother in death on February 28, 2007.

She attended and was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Walterboro, South Carolina. Mother Bright moved to Harlem, New York in 1936 where she became a member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

After listening to Bishop Lawson and Bishop Johnson from The Greater Refuge Temple on the radio, she knew she needed to be baptized in Jesus name and receive the Holy Ghost. She was baptized in Jesus name and received the Holy Ghost here at the Greater Refuge Temple on March 27, 1952. She worked with Mother Eola Doby and the 6PM prayer band for many years tarrying and praying with the seekers.

She was Secretary Treasure for the 6PM prayer band when Elder Varner became supervisor. She lead devotion service on Friday nights for about three years and on Saturdays she along with Mother Addie Patterson would visit the sick, hospitals and Nursing Homes spreading the gospel, she also passed out tracts in the community,

Mother Bright worked with the Baptizing committee when Mother Bessie Jones was Missionary President.

Mother Bright became a member of the Missionary Board in 1971 and sang with the Gospel Choir.

Mother Bright moved back to Walterboro, South Carolina and fellowshiped at Elizabeth Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ where Elder Willie Heywood was pastor. She worked with the missionaries and Sister Rosa White praying and having service for the people.

After returning to New York City in 1982, she worked in The Upper Room with Sis. Vera Session on Saturdays and continued her missionary work visiting hospitals and nursing homes.

Mother Bright always did what she had the ability to do in the service of the Lord, until her health failed, and she was unable to travel.

She lived to be 101 years young and never lost faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and showed us what a faith filled life is all about. She was blessed with a gracious personality and was a constant source of support. She was an inspiration to anyone in contact with her. God has truly given her a fruitful life and we thank Him for allowing her to enrich our lives here on earth. She will remain in the hearts of her family and Church family. Although all of her siblings and only child was called home before her, she maintained her beliefs that one day she would enter the Kingdom that was prepared for her and live in the House of the Lord. Mother Vernell Bright departed this mortal life for the new life promised by Christ, where death be no more, on April 26, 2015 at Amsterdam Nursing Home.

She will always be a legacy in our hearts.

She leaves to mourn: sisters-in-law, Andrea Robinson and Eunice Bright; step-children, Linda Bright McDaniel, Benjamin Bright, Jr. Donald Bright, Carolyn Bright, Richmond Bright, Louise Bowser and Sherry Campbell; niece, Barbara Robinson Norris, Ryan Robinson, a host of great nieces and nephews, relatives and her friends and family here at The Greater Refuge Temple.

Order of Service

Musical Interlude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection.....Mass Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 39:1-13

New Testament -1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Resolution.....Senior Missionary Board
Mother Dorothy Anderson
Sisterhood Department
Sister Lucille Fore

Acknowledgement of Cards.....Patricia Dyson-Johnson
Great Niece

Obituary.....Barbara Robinson Norris
Niece

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles Wright, Sr.

Viewing

Recessional

Benediction

Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

The Pathway Home

In every life there comes a moment when we must
Travel the pathway home
Our work complete, we set aside our labors and
Seek a place of comfort and rest.
As we journey through the evening of our day.
We are greeted by tomorrow's glorious mornings.
For it is there, at the end of our pathway home.
That a loving father
waits to shelter us with his everlasting
Peace

Acknowledgement

The Bright-Robinson Family acknowledges with deep appreciation the comforting, personal and tangible expressions of sympathy, love and concern extended during the illness and passing of our loved one **Mother Vernell Bright.**

Submitted in Sorrow
The Family

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