

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Sarah N. Ramsey

FEBRUARY 21, 1944 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Service Information

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Viewing: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Service: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Mount Zion Christian Baptist Church

411 South Eighth Ave • Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Rev. James A. Furman, Senior Pastor

Entombment

Mt. Hope Cemetery

50 Jackson Avenue

Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Repast

Immediately following the Entombment the Family invites

you for a Repast at the Church Fellowship Hall

411 South Eighth Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn.....#248 – Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23Deacon Harold L. Bolling, Sr.

New Testament: John 11:17-25Deacon Billy Harris

Prayer of ComfortDeacon Carmen Kerr

Reflections..... (please limit to 3 minutes)

Deaconess Martha Hester (on behalf of Mt. Zion CBC)

Bro. Alphonse Ramsey (Grandson)

Church ResolutionRev. James A. Furman, Pastor

ObituaryBro. Alphonse Ramsey

Poem Reading Sis. Janay Ruiz

Musical Selection.....“I Won’t Complain”, Bro. Rodney Grant
(Minister of Music, Mt. Zion CBC)

EulogyRev. Dianne Asphall
(Associate Minister, Mt. Zion CBC)

Final InstructionsEternity Funeral Services Directors

Benediction & Recessional #432 – I’ll Fly Away



Obituary

Sarah Nettie Ramsey was born on February 21, 1944, in Mount Vernon, New York, to the late Abraham and Ophelia Ramsey. Born and raised in Mount Vernon, Sarah grew up alongside her siblings Clifford, Hester, Rebecca, Abraham Jr., and Trudy. Her roots in Mount Vernon ran deep, and it was there that she built a life centered around faith, family, children, service, and community.

Faith was one of the great constants of Sarah's life. In 1957, at approximately 13 years old, she joined Mount Zion Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. For more than 69 years, Mount Zion remained her church home, making Sarah one of the congregation's longest-tenured members. Throughout the decades, she gave her time and talents to the church in numerous ways, including serving on the Usher Board, singing with the Young Adult Choir, and participating in Sunday School. The church that welcomed Sarah as a young girl remained an important part of her life for nearly seven decades.

As a young woman, Sarah dreamed of joining the United States Air Force. At a time when opportunities for women were often constrained by the expectations and stereotypes of others, a relative discouraged her from pursuing that dream. Although her life ultimately took a different path, the confidence, independence, and desire to serve that led Sarah to consider the military would remain evident throughout her life.

Sarah was the loving mother of two children, Alphonse Sr. and Brenda. Her capacity for motherhood, however, extended beyond her own children. She opened her heart and home to her niece Janay, whom she raised as her own. She also shared a special relationship with her godchildren, her niece Nova and nephew RJ. Family was at the center of Sarah's life, and children held an especially cherished place in her heart.

For many years, Sarah shared her life with her longtime partner, James. Their years together represented another important chapter in Sarah's journey, and his passing preceded her own.

Sarah's love for children was also reflected in her professional life. She worked as a teacher's aide, where she helped children develop their reading and literacy skills. She would also spend more than 40 years as a school bus driver. Through these roles, Sarah became part of the lives of generations of children and families in her community.

Those who knew Sarah knew a woman who was confident, independent, and comfortable being herself. Sarah enjoyed life and believed that life was meant to be lived. When conversations turned to money and holding too tightly to material things, she was known to remind her family, "You can't take it with you."

And Sarah lived accordingly.

She loved shopping and had an appreciation for fashion and looking her best. She loved driving, dancing, watching movies, and listening to music. Her musical tastes ranged from the blues to gospel, and she especially enjoyed the music of Luther Vandross. Whether she was dancing to a favorite song, shopping, taking a drive, watching a good movie, or simply spending time with the people she loved, Sarah knew how to enjoy the life she had been given.

Above all, Sarah loved her family, especially the children. Whether she was raising her own family, helping a child learn to read, driving generations of students to school, serving as a godmother, or enjoying time with the younger generations of her family, caring for children became one of the threads that ran throughout her life.

Sarah departed this life on September 6, 2026, at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her parents, Abraham and Ophelia Ramsey; her siblings, Clifford, Hester, Rebecca, Abraham Jr., and Trudy; her longtime partner, James; and her beloved son, Alphonse Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Brenda; her niece Janay, whom she raised as her own; her grandchildren, Alphonse and his wife Jessica, Raheem, and Aiyanna; her great-grandson, Kai; her godchildren, Nova and RJ, who were also her beloved niece and nephew; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family, her Mount Zion Baptist Church family, friends, and the many people whose lives she touched throughout her 82 years.

Sarah Nettie Ramsey's life began in Mount Vernon and remained deeply connected to the community that helped shape her. From the 13-year-old girl who joined Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1957 to one of its longest-tenured members nearly seven decades later, hers was a life of remarkable continuity—a life of faith, family, service, confidence, and joy.

Sarah spent a lifetime caring for others, particularly children. She worked hard, loved her family, remained faithful to her church, enjoyed the things that brought her happiness, and never lost the confidence to be herself.

And perhaps one of Sarah's simplest sayings provides one of the best reminders of how she approached life:

“You can't take it with you.”

So enjoy the life God has given you. Love your family. Dance when the music plays. Appreciate what you have. And make the most of the time you have been given.

That is the legacy of Sarah Nettie Ramsey.

Precious Memories







Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Sarah N. Ramsey** wishes to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for all acts of kindness during this time. We greatly acknowledge and thank you for your calls, support, and prayers. God bless you all.*



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