

Celebration of Life
for



Elder Sylvia Ruth James

Sunrise
February 16, 1949

Sunset
November 26, 2018

Friday, December 7, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue., Paterson, New Jersey

Reverend Alfred E. Steele, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Elder Sylvia Ruth James was born February 16, 1949 to the late Rev. Abraham James, Sr. and Mrs. Ruth Cora James.

She attended the Paterson Public School System where she completed grades K-8. She also attended Central High School Paterson for two years then John F. Kennedy High School Paterson graduating in 1967.

After graduating from high school, Sylvia pursued her love for driving and was hired as a bus driver for NJ Transit. She was also employed by Murphy Transportation Company. Sylvia took a hiatus from driving to focus on raising her children. As time passed Sylvia used her talent and skills to help people who needed her. She was also trained and certified as a Home Health Aide and worked for Amserve of Clifton, NJ.

As a resident of the Christopher Columbus Housing Development Paterson, Sylvia used her God given talent, skills and abilities to serve the residents. Sylvia served for a number of years as the President of the CCP council. Sylvia was the voice of the people and was instrumental in making the concerns, issues and questions known to the organizational leadership.

Brought up in a loving Christian home, Sylvia confessed her need of the Savior and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord at an early age. She was baptized at Gethesmane Baptist Church, West New York, NJ where her father served as Pastor.

In the early 1970s, Sylvia relocated to Fort Bragg, NC. She joined the House of Prayer Fellowship Church where Pastor Nathaniel Menefee was the Pastor. Sylvia was ordained as an Elder under the tutelage and mentorship of Pastor Menefee. She remained in North Carolina until 1986 where she served faithfully as an Elder.

Upon returning to Paterson, Elder James joined Christ Temple Baptist Church where the late Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner was the Pastor. She later became a member of St. Peters Fire Baptized Holiness Church where the late Bishop Joseph Parks was the Pastor. She later joined the Thankful Baptist Church where her aunt the Rev. Leona James was the Pastor and currently under the leadership of Rev. Yurvette Maxfield. When her health declined and she could not physically attend services, she became Pastor/Minister of Well Waters Ministry, a ministry primarily to the sick, shut-in and others.

Preceding Elder Sylvia James' transition are her beloved parents, Rev. Abraham and Mrs. Ruth James, her beloved brother Abraham James, Jr., and her beloved sisters, Mae Frances Pointer and Winifred DaCosta.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: two daughters, April Leak Cunningham (Gary Cunningham), Shana Ashley James, one son Joshua Barnett Giles, six grandchildren, Tiffany Turner, Tabitha Leak, Amaya Fleming, Samaya Giles, Nayhla Milan James, Kadrian Jason James, and six great grandchildren. Also cherishing her memories are her sisters Anita Bundick, Paterson, NJ, Bernice James, Charlotte, NC, brother Leonard (Deborah) James, Somerset, NJ and spiritual daughter, Dorothy McKeathan of Fayetteville, NC and many, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, other relatives, friends and loved ones.

Order of Service

Worship LeaderPastor Alfred E. Steele

Processional

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Anthony Wright Augusta, GA

Scripture Readings

OLD TESTAMENT- Psalms 100

Pastor Will Goodman, Ninevah Baptist Church Birmingham, AL

NEW TESTAMENT- John 14 1-6

Pastor Kevin Greenwood, Morning Star Baptist Church Newark, NJ

Selection..... Joi James and Bernice James

Poem..... Sahnia Young

Acknowledgements Cards & Condolences..... Nicole James Trent

REFLECTIONS- (2 min. please)

Anita Bundick

Bernice James

Leonard James

Joshua Giles

Reflections of Life Reading..... Nicole James Trent

Selection..... Joi James

Eulogy..... Pastor Alfred E. Steele
Seminary Baptist Church Paterson, NJ

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Arlington Cemetery

748 Schuyler Ave

Kearney, NJ 07032

Pallbearers:

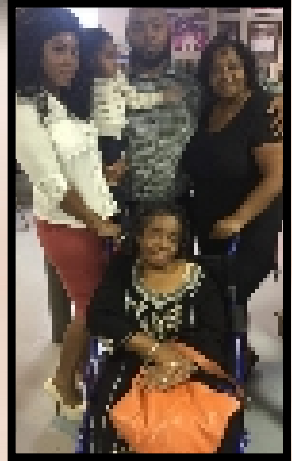
Lemar James
Jonathan James
David Watley

Justin James
Austin James
Ronald Trent



THANK YOU

On behalf of ourselves and our entire family we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Reverend Steele and the Seminary Baptist Church family for opening your doors to us during this difficult time. Thank you for your labor of love and support throughout this journey, we are eternally grateful. Thank you to all the clergy who graciously traveled from near and far to help us honor our mother. Thank you to Bragg Funeral Home for making this transition easy. Thank you to our extended family and friends who have helped us during this time. We love and appreciate each one of you.



With Great Gratitude,
April, Joshua and Shana

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