

*In Loving Memory of*



*Emma R. Gaines*

**January 11, 1941 - June 27, 2020**

**Service  
Monday, July 6, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Cotton Funeral Service  
130 Main Street • Orange New Jersey**



## Obituary

Mrs. Emma Ree Gaines was born eight of thirteen children on January 11, 1941 in Prince Edward County, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Nelson and late Florine Carey.

Emma accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the New Hope Baptist Church in Keysville, Virginia under the late Reverend White and the late Reverend Jackson. From that time, she always had Christ in her life. She was a member of the Junior Choir as Emma loved to sing with her beautiful alto voice. She also served as the Sunday school secretary.

Emma attended Mercy Seat Elementary school. She went on to Robert R. Moton High School in the Prince Edward School system where she graduated 1958 in Farmville, Virginia. After graduating from high school she left Virginia, moving to Newark, New Jersey.

In New Jersey Emma met the love her life, Frank Edward Gaines. He was playing baseball for a minor league team, and noticed her as she watched the game. The two married on October 20, 1962. She was a loving and devoted wife. Emma and Frank together were a model on how to make the best out of all that life had to offer. They enjoyed laughter, long car rides, and cooking. They were true to their vows, sticking together through sickness and in health. Emma cared for her nieces and nephews as if they were her own. She particularly had a strong bond and was the Godmother to her great-nephew Dione Robertson, of whom she help to raise.

Emma believed in helping others. When someone needed a ride, a meal, or other assistance, she was there

with her purse and car keys in hand. She was a woman of strong integrity. While always a southern belle, she was often the most vocal in the family when things needed to be handled. Her favorite pastimes were going to the mall, sewing, cooking, watching professional sports, and singing.

Emma was employed by Aristocrat Leathers, Goody, and Airline Food Services over the years, but her most coveted job would be as a homemaker for the last 20+ years.

Emma was an active and devoted member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newark New Jersey. She lent her beautiful alto voice to the music ministry singing in the Senior Choir. One of her favorite songs was "Take Me Back." She was well loved by her church family.

On Saturday June 27, 2020 she departed this life at home in Orange, New Jersey. She was predeceased in death by her parents Nelson and Florine Carey, and five sisters, Leia Carey, Mattie Hall, Ada Williams, Mary Barksdale and Alto Stokes.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, her Husband Frank E. Gaines of Orange, New Jersey, five sisters, Irene Benton of Irvington, New Jersey; Mrs. Anna Stubbs (Eddie), of Bainbridge Georgia; Mrs. Maxine Salters (Joe) of Bainbridge Georgia; Mrs. Josephine Hewitt (Herman) of Charlotte North Carolina; Mrs. Kate Bynes (Glenn) of Bethlehem Pennsylvania; two brothers Samuel Carey (Flora) of Farmville, Virginia; James Carey (Naomi) of Farmville, Virginia; her Godson Dione Robertson of Bethlehem Pennsylvania; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

# *Order of Service*

## **Musical Prelude**

## **Processional**

### **Selection:**

*Minister Pamela McDaniel (It Is Well)*

## **Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament (Isiah 40:25-31): Shearrain Benton*

*New Testament (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18): Ivan McDaniel Jr.*

### **Invocation:**

*Tyreema Muhannad*

## **Reflections & Tributes:**

*Nannie Kate Bynes*

*Ronnie Andrews*

## **Acknowledgments & Obituary:**

*Laverne Sanders*

### **Selection:**

*Minister Pamela McDaniel (Take Me Back)*

### **Eulogy:**

*Reverend Sharonda Strothers*

*Tabernacle Baptist Church*

*Newark, NJ*

## **Recessional**

### **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Emma R. Gaines** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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