

Memorial Services
For
“Grammie”
Dolores Gardenia James

Sunrise
October 16, 1942

Sunset
July 2, 2020



Service

Saturday, July 11, 2020 – 12:00 noon
Al Firdous Funeral Home
215 Grand Street, Trenton, NJ
Pastor Stephen Bryant, Officiating

Obituary

Dolores Gardenia James was born on October 16, 1942 in Newark, NJ to the late Ansley James and Beatrice Dixon. She departed this earthly life on Thursday, July 2, 2020 in the comfort of her home.

Dolores spent her early childhood years in Newark New Jersey with her grandmother Katie James and her two brothers Ansley and Curley James.

During her time in Newark New Jersey Dolores was a member of the 1st chapter of the Newark Black Panther party.

Later Dolores moved to New York City where she met and married the love of her life Thomas Godbolt Sr. They had 5 beautiful children together named Malikah, Salim, Mustafa, Johnny, and Sahod.

Dolores went on to further her education attending Rutgers University, in Newark, NJ at night where she studied Health Sciences while raising her 4 young children.

She joined Blue Cross Blue Shield where she gave them 32 years of her valued contribution as a Medical Policy Specialist. This enabled her to exercise her skills and expertise that benefited both the company and Dolores doing what she loved to do the most, helping others.

After retirement Dolores relocated to Sumter, South Carolina while there, she volunteered at Prisma Health Hospital where she fed, entertained and comforted the sick and elderly. Dolores was also an active member of Mt. Pisgah A.M.E church when she lived in Sumter SC where she proudly took on the role as the church's secretary and head of the garden club.

Dolores loved the A.M.E church so much that she joined the St. James A.M.E church in Hightstown, NJ when she moved from Sumter, SC to Monroe Township, New Jersey. She enjoyed all the church activities and looked forward to the virtual church services.

Dolores' greatest accomplishment was being a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. The happiest moments of her life were when she was around family and friends. Our fondest memories of Dolores were telling funny stories to one another, laughing, dancing and watching one of her favorite movies. Her favorite was the old black and white Westerns. She could watch them all day long.

She also enjoyed painting and entering her masterpieces in contests for money. She was overjoyed when she won 3rd place for one of her paintings and a \$300 prize. Her house is full of all her fine work of art.

Another hobby she enjoyed was sewing and needle point. She made a point to make sure all her grandchildren had a blanket or painting to always remember her by. When she would describe her creative work or herself, she would always say how "sharp" they both were.

Left to cherish those precious memories are her children, Malikah Sharif, Salim Godbolt, Mustafa Godbolt, John Godbolt (deceased), Sahod Godbolt, 11 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dolores is predeceased by her parents, Ansley James and Beatrice Dixon. Her two brothers Ansley and Curley James. Her son John Godbolt and her husband Thomas Godbolt Sr.

Order of Service

The Prelude

The Processional of Clergy & Family

The Hymn

The Prayer of Comfort

The Scripture
(Old Testament & New Testament)

Song

Resolutions/Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary Reading

Song

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

The Committal

Miss Me But, Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.*

*Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown



Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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