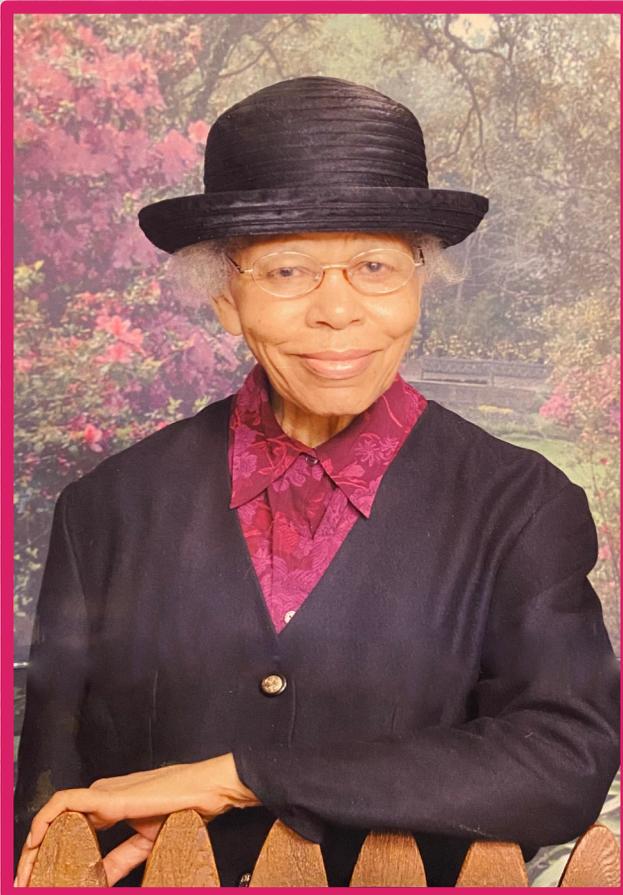


*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Sister Martha Singleteary*

**Sunrise: May 22, 1924 - Sunset: December 15, 2020**



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# Obituary

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Martha was educated in the NYC public school system. In March of 1941, at the age of 17 years old, with the consent of their parents, Martha married Mr. James Singleteary.

For over 23 years, Martha was employed at the Empire Elevator Corp. New York, NY. Also, she worked under an elder care program for several years at the Tremont Monterey Day Care Center, Bronx, NY, until her retirement in February of 2012 at the age of 88.

Sister Singleteary often recounted of being baptized at the age of 9 years old at the First Baptist Church in Franklin, VA. Over the years, after visiting various churches, she remembered her step-father bringing her to the Sunday Night Broadcast at the Greater Refuge Temple Church, Harlem, NY. It was there she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. She loved attending the adult Sunday School under the instructor Sister Ruth Frost, and she proudly performed the duties as class secretary. Her favorite scriptures were Psalm 23, Psalm 26, Psalm 34, Isaiah 26:3-4 and most of all Psalm 91. Her favorite song was "Precious Lord Take My Hand". She also would visit the sick with her dear friend, Sister Glory Worsley.

Martha was very grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ for her long life, she never complained of pain or sickness. She was grateful and said, "Thank You" over and over for the love and care she received.

On Monday, December 15, 2020, Sister Martha Lee Singleteary departed this life to rest and wait for the day, as the scriptures state in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" Amen!

Martha was preceded in death by: her parents, Lucille Reid/Askew, Peter Ricks, and Javin O'Neal and brothers, Harrison Ricks and William Ricks.

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