

*In Loving Memory of*



*Henrietta James*

Sunrise  
April 25, 1947

Sunset  
January 6, 2021

Service:  
Friday, January 22, 2021 - 7:00 pm

**Tremont Terrace Moravian Church**

1621 Pilgrim Avenue • Bronx, New York 10461

# *Obituary*

**Henrietta Mary James** affectionately known as “**Hene**” was born on April 25, 1947 in Potter’s Village, Antigua, West Indies to the late Edward and Christiana James. Hene entered eternal rest on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in Bronx, New York.

Henrietta’s love for taking care of the elderly, poor and indefensible started in childhood. She would accompany her father as he visited the sick. She loved to play nurse and would sometimes put bandages on her sister.

Henrietta immigrated to the United States at the age of 14 where she continued her education at Julia Richmond High School in New York City. After graduation, she gave birth to a son, Duane. As a single mother she continued to pursue a college education in nursing and graduated with a nursing degree from Bronx Community College. Over time, she continued with her educational advancement to obtain both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Hunter College, in New York City.

Hene’s son and her 6 siblings gave her the support that inspired her determination and optimism as she worked towards attaining her goals.

She started her nursing career as a Staff Nurse in 1973 at Bellevue Hospital in New York City where she worked in various positions and was able to climb her career ladder and advance to leadership levels.

In 1983 she was promoted to Head Nurse where she remained until 1996, She was later promoted to Assistant Director of Nursing. She again accepted the challenge of becoming an Associate Director of Nursing in 2001 and then ultimately advancing to Director of Nursing in 2001.

Hene was optimistic, caring and a super hard worker. She was immensely proud of her many accomplishments which included the establishment of the IV Team and her role in starting a new Oncology Unit just to name a few. At the end of her 43-year Bellevue career as the evening shift Nursing Director, she was responsible for managing the entire hospital. Hene retired in 2016.

Henrietta was a devoted and faithful Christian. She genuinely believed and trusted God. Her favorite words were “God is Good” and she said so until her passing. She thanked God and was so grateful for her life. She was a member of Tremont Terraces Moravian Church in the Bronx.

Henrietta was community oriented and participated in many church, community and health activities. She was a past President of the Tremont Terrace Moravian Church Women’s Ministry. She was an Elder and a Trustee of the church and was actively involved in the church’s ministries.

She was a past member of the Black Nurses Association. She established the American Antigua and Barbuda Nursing Association in the early 1990s.

She was an excellent leader, listener and she enjoyed good conversation with friends, family and especially her coffee group.

She was enormously loved and respected by many and will be truly missed.

Henrietta is predeceased by her loving parents Edward James and Christiana James. Hene is also predeceased by sister: Marie McMaster and brothers: Arthur Valentine, Dalmar James and Errol James.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son Duane James, her grand children Jamila James, Duane James Jr. and Elijah James. Two sisters – Veronica James and Joycelyn James; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, loved ones and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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## **Musical Prelude**

*Azamat Sydykov*

## **Opening Sentences**

*Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne*

## **Opening Hymn**

*“Hark, Hark, My Soul”*

## **Liturgy for the Service of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

*Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne*

### **Selection**

*Daphne Irish-Hunter- Our Father*

### **Poem**

*Theodore Dunning*

### **Tributes**

*Cecilia Dyer-On behalf of the Board and the Elders*

*Patty George and Beryl Williams-On Behalf of Women's Fellowship*

*Dr. Jean Straker- “The Florence Nightingale Pledge”*

### **Eulogy**

### **Offertory Hymn**

### **Dedicatory Prayer**

*Cecelia Dyer*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 130- Frances Adams -Vanlow*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

*Romans 5:1-11- Pamela Smith*

### **Selection of Hymn**

*Joan Abel Henry- Beautiful Garden of Prayer*

### **Sermon**

*Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne*

### **Hymn of Response**

*#574: “When Peace, like a River”*

### **Prayer for the Family**

*Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne*

### **Benediction**

*Rev. D. A. Henry Goulbourne*

### **Recessional Hymn**

*#606: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*



Don't cry for me  
I'm fine, I'm good  
I'm with my mother, father, brothers, sister, and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me  
I'm now with my beloved family.  
I want you to remember my infectious laugh, and bright smile.  
Hoping that will help to keep you strong.

Don't cry for me  
It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday on the other side.

Don't cry for me  
I'm surely not alone.  
The heavenly angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me  
For I have no fear  
All my pain is gone  
and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me  
This is not the end  
I'll be waiting here for you  
Until we meet again.

*Submitted by LaVerne Clarke*

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of **Henrietta "Hene" James** would like to express sincere appreciation for all the expressions of love and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.

Your love and thoughtfulness will be forever treasured.

May God Bless you all!

***The James Family***

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