

THE HOME GOING
CELEBRATION FOR

Queenesther Garvin James

Sunrise
June 23, 1927

Sunset
October 31, 2021



Service

Saturday, November 13, 2021 • 9:45 a.m.

New Beginnings Faith Fellowship Ministry

668 Forest Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

Pastor Allan Lawrence, Officiating

Obituary

On Sunday October 31, 2021, **Queenesther Garvin James** joined God's Angels to be with her late husband, Dennis James, and family in heaven.

Queenesther Garvin James was born in Newark, NJ on June 23, 1927, in Newark, NJ, the fourth of seven children to the late Deacon Asa Garvin Sr and Deaconess Pearl Garvin. She attended Avon Ave Elementary School in Newark, NJ. and graduated from East Orange High School in 1943.

Raised in a Christian home, Queenesther gave her life to Christ at an early age, joining Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark, NJ under the Pastorate of Reverend John A Pullin. She was active in the Sunday School, BTU, the Junior and Young Peoples Choir.

In 1951, Queenesther graduated from Branford Models, Inc in New York City. She was a premier model for Emily Miles for many years, modeling extensively in the Tri-State area including a fashion show at Newark Symphony Hall's Terrace Ballroom.

She later worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington DC. Upon moving back to NJ, she continued her career at AT&T, retiring after 12 years of service in 1990.

Queenesther was an ambitious woman with a strong desire to learn and progress. This desire pushed her to obtain her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1983 from Rutgers University in Newark, NJ. While attending the University she served as Student Government Secretary from 1979 to 1981 and was later elected President of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. Upon graduating from Rutgers, she continued her work with the university as the President and Vice President of the Alumni Association and as a member of the Scholarship Committee. She also worked part time as an Academic Advisor for the University for several years and was named in Who's Who in American Universities.

One of Queenesther greatest joys was traveling, especially cruising. It was on a cruise that she met and later married the love of her life, Dennis James on June 25, 1987.

Together they traveled extensively to countries in Africa, Asia and Europe including Egypt, Thailand, Greece and Singapore, but their love was Aruba. In 1983 they were honored as Distinguished Guests of the island's government. After the passing of her beloved Dennis in 2010, Queenesther continued to travel to Aruba with close friends Linda Caldwell and Gusie Shepard. After Gusie stopped traveling, Linda and Queenesther continued traveling to Aruba until 2018 when Queenesther's health declined, and she was unable to travel.

In May 2005 Queenesther was one of the founding members of New Beginnings Faith Fellowship under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Irving A. Childress and later under Pastor Alan Lawrence. Queenesther was the Superintend of the Sunday school, head of the Vacation Bible School and was a part of the Women's ministry and the Church Choir. She faithfully attended weekly Bible Study and Prayer meetings. Queenesther loved her church and was especially proud of Pastor Alan Lawrence and how he shepherded the congregation following Rev. Childress passing. Queenesther was very committed to New Beginnings and continued to work on behalf of the church throughout her illness. On April 25, 2021, New Beginnings honored her with a tribute for her years of faithful service and as the 1st Superintendent of Sunday School. The praise and tributes from the Brothers and Sisters at the church filled her with tremendous joy and happiness.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving sister and faithful companion and friend Geraldine Harris; two stepdaughters, Sybil and Jennifer (David); Nephews Samuel Washington (Brenda); David Washington (Deborah); Gerry Washington (Yvonne); Asa Garvin Jr (Mary); Ralph Garvin Jr.; Derrick Garvin (Nicole); Corey Garvin; Craig Harris (Shimla); Nieces Pearl Ann (Hanzel); Brigitte Clark; Kimberly Tyrus (Gerald); Robyn Dickey; Danielle Garvin; Stacey Harris., 6 Great Nieces, 9 Great Nephews; 7 Great Great Nieces; 1 Great Great Nephew and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Congregational Hymn..... “Blessed Assurance”

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Psalm 27 - Sis. Esther Edouard

New Testament St. John 14:1-6 - Bro. Lewis Childress

Selection.....Sis Tahira Lawrence

Remarks Sis Mildred Morrison
Sis Stacey Harris

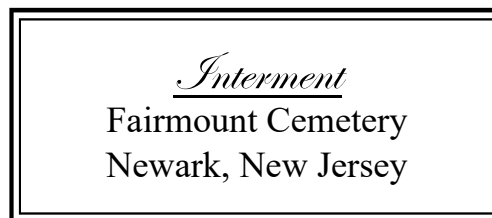
SoloSis Tahira Lawrence

Resolutions, Acknowledgement & Obituary Sis Christine Childress

Selection..... “The Lord’s Prayer”

Eulogy Pastor Alan Lawrence

Recessional



*Immediately following the interment, family is
invited to return to the church for the repast.*

Pallbearers

Ralph Garvin Jr • Derrick Garvin
Craig Harris • Sheldon Washington
Corey Garvin • Khalil Maasis

Honorary Pallbearers

Samuel Washington
Gerry Washington
David Washington

Safely Home

*I am Home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh so happy & so bright!
There is perfect joy & beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

Acknowledgements

*The family of the late Queenesther Garvin James
wishes to thank everyone for your support, prayers,
and comfort during this difficult time. We will
acknowledge all acts of condolences at a later date.
May God continue to Bless You!*

*We would like to give special thanks to New
Beginnings Faith Fellowship, Pastor Alan Lawrence
and its members and Rowe Funeral Home.*

Services Entrusted To:

Rowe Funeral Home

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