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First Nazareth Baptist Church Missions Ministry
&
The Women's Cooperative Missionary Union



In Loving Memory of



Mrs. Ernestine Edmonds James

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

First Nazareth Baptist Church

2351 Gervais Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott, Pastor

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Reflections of the Life of Mrs. Ernestine Edmonds James



Mrs. Ernestine Edmonds James was born February 6, 1928, in Eutawville, South Carolina. She was the eldest of seven children of the late Mr. June “June Bug” and Mrs. Florine Fabor Edmonds. She received her heavenly wings on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at her home.

“Momma,” “Grannie,” “Auntie,” “Ernest,” “Ms. J,” and “Cuz,” as she was affectionately called by family and friends, was educated in the public schools of Richland County and attended Booker T. Washington High School when they were graduating students in the 11th grade. She was employed by many businesses in the Columbia area, Eckerd Drugs Store, W.A. Perry Jr. High School, but worked the longest at Department of Mental Health, in the Bakery and Dietary Services. She was a dedicated worker until she retired on June 30, 1990.



She became a member of the household of faith, First Nazareth Baptist Church on July 13, 1947. Dr. W.H. Neal was the pastor and baptized her. Following her mother, Sister Florine Edmonds, she became a member of the Senior Missionary Society, now known as the Missions Ministry. There she was a faithful, dedicated member and served as Financial Secretary. She was a member of the FNBC Noon-Day Bible Study Class and Annual Vacation Bible School. She was also a member of the Women’s Cooperative Missionary Societies Union, where she volunteered at the Brian Center /Carolina Center/Pruitt Health Center every 3rd Saturday. Ernestine enjoyed reaching out to others and as a result was committed to work as a missionary for the Lord. She was a member of the Senior Savvy Group started by Mrs. Trezevant, as well as a member of the Barnwell and Gregg Street Community Club, and the Greenview Exercise Class. Ernestine was a frequent traveler with the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Senior Ministry. She was a delegate of the Woman’s Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of SC, where she served diligently before her health decline. She was also active with the Meadowlake Community Association.



In addition to her parents, Mrs. James was preceded in death by an infant daughter Virginia; her husband, Charles James, Sr.; her son, Bernard James; two sisters, Evelyn and Rebecca Edmonds; four brothers, MSG Elijah Edmonds, Mr. Joseph Edmonds, Dea. Benjamin Edmonds, and June Samuel Edmonds.



Those left to cherish her precious memory are her children of which she was so very proud of, daughter; Mrs. Vivian (David) Allen, Columbia SC; sons, Charles (Edna) James, Virginia Beach, VA and William (Unsung) James, Minot, ND; daughter-in-law, Alberta Cynthia James, Hinesville GA; her special and loving grands, Malcolm James, Chiquita (Yusef) Battle, Corey James, William James, Jr., Earl Thomas, Jr., Tammy (Paul) Rudolph, Nicole James, Edward James, Shawnta James, Sebastian James, Nikkia Allen, Davia Allen (Cisco) Knightner, Tabatha Smith, Brittney Smith, and Emanuel Smith. She leaves several great-grands and great-great-grands; her adopted children and grandchildren; Linda and Joshua, Pam and Aaron, Brenda, Natalie and Jimmy; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss her.



Order of Service

- Prelude.....Mr. Lonnie Clark, Musician
- Processional
- Opening Hymn.....Musical Choir
- Scripture Reading.....Reverend Jerald Sanders, First Nazareth Baptist Church
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Hazel Reese, First Nazareth Baptist Church
- Solo.....Pastor Sheila Hodges, Cross Roads Ministry
- Resolution.....Sister Sharon Greene, First Nazareth Baptist Church, Mission Ministry
- Acknowledgements.....
- Remarks.....Reverend James Lee, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Jenkinsville, SC
Deacon James Edmonds, Nephew and Family Representative
- Solo.....Reverend Natalie Minor, Platt Springs Baptist Church
- Words of ComfortReverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
- Viewing.....*In the Vestibule*.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina**

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Ernestine Edmonds James, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. A special thank you to her caregivers and providers, Sharon Meetze, Ms. Zelda McCray, Ms. Verdie Murphy, Verdetta Murphy, Reverend Judith Edmonds, Betty Pough, Mrs. Beolia Doctor, Always Best Care (Bre, Dasha, Diane, Tee and Shirley), Prisma Health SPC-Dr. Craig Maylath, Prisma Health Hospice; meals, Edna James and Catherine Bah; hair stylist, Jean Indriago; and of course, her faithful and devoted children and grandchildren.