



Bettie Elizabeth James

January 18, 1920 - October 9, 2015

On Friday, October 9, 2015, a beautiful rose, picked from the garden, Bettie Elizabeth James was called to her heavenly home. Born in Henrico County, Virginia on January 18, 1920. Bettie was the oldest daughter, born to the late Edward and Agnes Atkins. She is preceded in death by husband of 67 years, Ollie S. James; two sons, Louis and Oliver James; six brothers, Onell, Edward, Pete, Richard, Ernest and Linwood; one sister, Rachael Atkins.

Bettie was educated in Henrico County, Virginia. She accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Henrico County, Virginia for many years where she was on the Missionary Board. She was a faithful servant.

Bettie was a devoted wife and mother, taking care of many neighborhood children, ailing family members and neighbors. She loved to cook. She was famous for her homemade rolls and biscuits. She loved staying connected with her sisters, sons and daughters constantly by way of telephone. Her inward spirit altered her, and by their voices, when her children needed her the most. Her famous saying was "It is always something to do, if you choose to do it."

She leaves to cherish five daughters, Barbara (Raymond) Street, Bertha James, Alice Lyons, Bernice (John) Bentley Jr. and Frances (Larry) Arrington

Sr.; four sons, Onell (Hazel), Pernell, Joseph Sr. and Richard (Mary) James, Sr.; sister, Marie Bagby, Mattie Thorpe, Bernice Jonathan, Thelma Cosby and Irene Bagby; sister-in-law, Mozelle Atkins; 39 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren; two devoted cousins, Ida Washington and Ardell Atkins and a host of other relatives and friends.

God looked around His garden and found an empty place.

He then looked down upon the earth, and saw Bettie's face.

He put His arms around Bettie and lifted her to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, because He always takes the best.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 321-4200
info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

Family Hour

OCT **15**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman St.
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Bettie Elizabeth James*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may GOD give you comfort in your time of need. 2Corinthians I :3-4*



Carolyn - October 18, 2015 at 05:07 AM



“ *My sympathy is with the James family at this time. May you find comfort from Jesus' words at John 6:40*



Sharon Harris - October 16, 2015 at 06:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bettie Elizabeth James.*



October 14, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 12, 2015 at 05:20 PM