

The
Homegoing Celebration
of
Mrs. Ruby V. Reed James

Sunrise
December 28, 1911



Sunset
October 5, 2005



Sunday ~ October 9, 2005
12:30 p.m.

Concord Missionary Baptist Church
Curtis Road ▪ Batesville, Mississippi

Rev. John H. Snow, III
Officiant

Life Reflections

Ruby Veola Reed James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Everlena Williams Reed, was born on December 28, 1911 in Batesville, Panola County, Mississippi.

At a very early age, she was converted and baptized at West Camp M.B. Church in Batesville.

She was educated in the Batesville School. Upon completion, she passed the teacher's exam and began her teaching career in Pope, Mississippi. She later taught at Concord School for many years.

Ruby was united in holy matrimony to Milton Filmore "M.F." James and moved into the Concord community. To their union, three sons were born~ John, Everette and Claude. They enjoyed 38 years of wedded bliss.

After her marriage, Ruby joined (with her husband) the Concord Missionary Baptist Church where she continuously gave her time and talent to advance the Kingdom of God. She diligently served as pianist and on the Mother Board.

Ruby was a quiet, but spirited woman who owned and operated James Coin-Operated Laundromat for several years. Her zest for life always provided her the opportunity to help empower others-- from sharing with daughters-in-law, nieces, and granddaughters the craft of sewing which

was taught to her by her Aunt Sidney, a slave who was the "master's girl"-- to encouraging and carrying all of her grandchildren to test for their driver's license. She was a devoted homemaker whose contributions to her family and community were countless; her complaints were hardly any.

Ruby's life was an example of grace, dignity and Christ to all she encountered. Her body yielded to death on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at Tri Lakes Medical Center, but her soul regained new strength and went to live with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She leaves as her legacy: three sons~ John (Velma) James, Everette (Barbara) James, all of Batesville, MS, and Claude (Ernestine) James, Sr. of Detroit, MI; 12 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, other relatives, cousins and friends; and an adopted daughter by spirit~ Earline Mathews of Memphis, TN.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one step-son~ Bobby James, Sr, whom she helped raise.

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