

Casket Bearers

Relatives and Friends

Flower Bearers

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With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) **God** has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Vera and for remembering us during her passing. Your thoughtfulness will forever remind us of your love and support. May God continue to keep you in His tender care. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

The James Family

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**A Service of Thanksgiving to God
For the Life of**
Mrs. Vera Speaks James

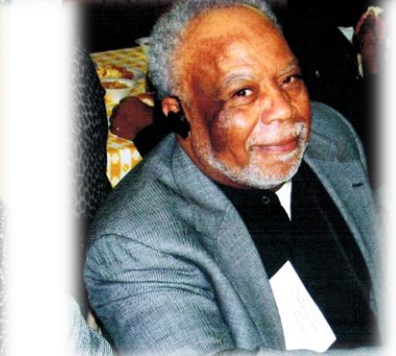
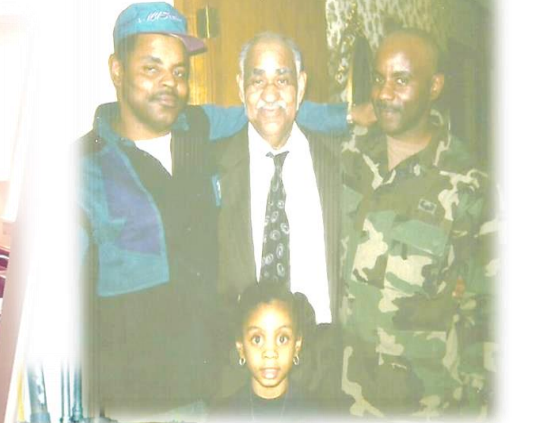


Sunrise
January 30, 1933

Sunset
April 7, 2020

Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Reverend Carl Williams, Officiating





As We Remember

Mrs. Vera Speaks James

*A smile for all, a heart of gold, one of the finest this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind, these are the memories she leaves behind...*

Mrs. Vera S. James, 87, of 392 Mt. Bethel Road, Harmony, was born in Iredell County on January 30, 1933, and was the daughter of the late Earl and Tamar Williams Speaks. She passed away at her home on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, following an extended illness.

Vera was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church in Union Grove where she served for many years in various positions and she especially loved singing in the Senior Choir. She was a faithful wife and a great mother and loved all her family and friends dearly. She was loving, kind and had such a gentle spirit. She loved to cook, host family gatherings, and loved to garden. She planted a garden each year, up until her illness.

She was married to Harold T. James for over 64 years, until his death in 2015. Her three son, Timothy James, Michael James and David James, preceded her in death, a grandson, Michael James, Jr., and her Pastor and Godson, Reverend Karl Payne, who also just recently passed.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, eight grandchildren; Tricia Lynn (Anthony) Chambers who was raised in the home as her daughter, of Harmony, TerVera James of Odenton Maryland, Matthew (Lori) James of Taylorsville, Takia (Derrick) Coates of Annapolis, Maryland, David James of New York, Raven James of New York, Trenisha C. James of Hyattsville, Maryland, Tamar L. James (Jamal) Minor of Hyattsville, Maryland; brother, Henry (Carolyn) Speaks of Harmony, Estella Speaks of Maryland, Geneva Dalton and Jackie Speaks, both of Harmony, and Judy (Luther) Morris of Lanham, Maryland; one sister in law, Vernice James, of Alexandria, Virginia; Reverend Jacqui Speaks; and sixteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, church family, neighbors and dear friends.

A Wonderful Grandmother

*We had a wonderful grandmother, one who never really grew old
Her smile was made of sunshine, and her heart was solid gold
Her eyes were bright as shining stars, and in her cheeks fair roses you see.
We had a wonderful grandmother, and that's the way it will always be.
But take heed, because she's still keeping an eye on all of us,
So let's make sure, she will like what she sees.*

A Service of Love and Rememberance for

Mrs. Vera Speaks James

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The Order of Service

- The Processional
- The Invocation
- The Selection: *"If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side"*
- The Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament Takia Coates
 - New Testament
- The Prayer of Consolation Bishop Saunders
- The Hymn
- The Acknowledgments
- The Commemorative PresentationThe Funeral Director
- The Hymn Bishop Saunders
- The Eulogy Reverend Carl Williams
- The Committal
- The Recessional Selection

All The Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery

The Placing of the Casket at the Grave

The Final Departure

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.