

## Honorary Pallbearers

Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Assn.  
Eastern Star / Heroines of Jericho  
Stewards of St. Matthew AME Church

## Active Pallbearers

Eurod Scott  
Jimmy Rainey  
Glen Harris  
William Garnes  
Reginald Kornegay

Gene Warren  
Lewis Joyce  
Rufus Handsome  
Milton Hall  
M. D. Parrish

## Flower Attendants

Choir Members  
Missionaries of Various Churches

## The Thornton's Acknowledgment

*When death occurs, family and friends gather to celebrate a life that was lived and to share the sorrow that is present.*

*Often times, it is difficult to one's emotions to accept the loss of a fellow human. The intellect understands what has happened, but the emotioal adjustment is difficult.*

*The Thornton Family is deeply grateful:*

*For the golden words of consolation from the ministers;*

*For your participation and attendance at this worship service celebrating the life of our loved one;*

*For those wonderful people who used their skills to prepare nourishments to refresh our weary bodies;*

*For countless gifts of flowers and messages of sympathy; and  
For intangible things, unutttable in speech or language.*

*We have been enriched by your friendship and strengthened by your love and appreciate each sympathetic gesture that has served as a source of comfort.*

*May the peace of the Lord always be with you.*

*The Family*

## Funeral Services

For

## Ruth Thornton James



Monday, February 14, 1994  
2:30 p.m.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church  
Hazlehurst, Georgia

Rev. R. Burke, Pastor

Rev. W. Britton, Officiating  
Interment

North View Cemetery

*The Third Local of the Second District of the Georgia Funeral Practitioners Association in Charge of Arrangements.*

# Life Reflections

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and these shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."*

Rev. 21:4

## Obituary

Sister Ruth Thornton James was born in Jeff Davis County on September 15, 1925, and died at 4:30 on February 10, 1994. She became a Christian when she was a very young girl and began her work in Christian Service in the Saint James A.M.E. Church, where she sang in the choir and served as choir president for many years. She also served as treasurer of the Missionary Department until poor health made it impossible for her to serve. She was a member of many community organizations including the Eastern Star, Heroines of Jerico and the New Moon. She was a member of the Georgia State Funeral Practitioner Association since April 4, 1958.

During her months of illness she leaned heavily on the Lord calling upon Him to help bear the pain when many times she could have called upon her loved ones, but refused to do so, knowing they were already tired and over-burdened. Sister Ruth James was a lovable person, a good neighbor, a compassionate mother and caring friend; a happy person who seemed to enjoy every minute of her spirit-filled life.

Survivors include a daughter, Ms. Jeraldine Cue of Atlanta, GA; a son, Mr. Alonza James of Tacoma, WA; two brothers, Mr. Archie Thornton, and Mr. Milton Thornton, both of Hazlehurst GA; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Linson and Ms. Maurice Carmichael, both of Atlanta, GA; an ex-husband, Charlie James, five sisters-in-law, Mrs. Edna Thornton, Mrs. Mammie James, both of Hazlehurst, GA, Mrs. Trellis Meadows, Mrs. Myrtle Eller, both of White Plains, NY, Mrs. Lula James of Hamilton, OH; three brothers-in-law, Mr. Vernon James of Hazlehurst, GA, Mr. Frank Eller of White Plains, NY, Mr. Arthur James of Hamilton, OH; nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends, devoted friends, Bessie Lee and Mattye McCloud; devoted cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harleston and Elizabeth Lowe.

# Order of Service

Prelude  
Processional  
Hymn.....Choir & Congregation  
Invocation  
Scripture  
    Old Testament  
    New Testament  
Selection .....Choir  
A Tribute to the Family.....Mr. M. D. Parrish  
Words of Comfort.....Mrs. Jeanette Hamilton  
Solo .....Juanita Nails  
Obituary Read Silently.....Soft Music  
Acknowledgment.....Sis. Rosa Joyce  
Solo .....Mr. Vernon Harleston  
Eulogy .....Rev. W. Britton  
Benediction  
Recessional