

## *Home At Last*

There are no words, what can I say.  
At last her sweet soul winged its way  
To peace and freedom in the sky  
Where never again will she suffer or cry  
It's all a part of God's Great Plan . . .

Which is a mystery to man.

We cannot understand His ways  
Nor can we count our Earthly days  
But who are we to question and doubt  
God knoweth well what He's about.  
He knew she longed to "go to sleep"

Where only angels a vigil keep.

The pain of living grew too great  
No longer could she stay and wait.

She did not want to leave you dear

But she had finished her work down here.  
So she closed her eyes and when she awoke

These are the words the Master spoke,  
"Welcome, dear child, you are Home at last

And now the burden of living is past,  
There's work for you in My Kingdom, dear  
And you are needed and wanted here."

So weep not, she's just gone on ahead

Don't think of her as being dead.

She's out of sight for a little while

And you'll miss her touch, and her little smile.

But you know she is safe in the home above  
Where there is nothing but Peace and Love.

And, surely, you would not deny her peace

And you're glad she has found release.

Think of her there as a soul that is free  
And Home at last, where she wanted to be.



*Casket Bearers*  
Nephews



*Floral Bearers*  
Nieces

## *Afterglow*

I'd like the memory of me

To be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow

Of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo

Whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times

And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve

To dry before the sun

Of happy memories that I leave

When my life is done.



## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mrs. Ella Mae James, acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at our time of bereavement. We thank God for each of you, for He has come to us through you. May His love and peace abide with you always.

— The Family



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## *Homegoing Service of Love Celebrating the Life of*

*Mrs. Ella Mae James*

Sunrise  
December 29, 1938

Sunset  
April 12, 2019



Friday, April 19, 2019  
1:00 P.M.

*St. Matthew Baptist Church*  
Rev. Willie C. Hair, Jr., Pastor  
Newberry, South Carolina

Rev. Bobby Seepersaud, Eulogist  
Pastor, Trinity A.M.E. Church  
Newberry, South Carolina

*Obituary*

Mrs. Ella Mae James entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 12, 2019, at her residence. She was born in Newberry, SC, on December 29, 1938, to the late Mrs. Sophie Houston Scott and the late Mr. John Williams. Ella was raised in the home of her mother and step father, the late Willie Lewis Scott.

She was a 1956 graduate of Gallman High School and was a member of Trinity A.M.E. Church and the Woman’s Home Aid Society Lodge #6.

She had a special talent for painting, as a seamstress, for putting puzzles together, fishing and expressing love.



Ella was predeceased by four brothers, Willie Sheppard, Thomas Ruff, Roger Scott and Fredo Scott.

Those who celebrate her life and cherish precious and loving memories include one stepson, James Junior James (Tekmma) of Laurens, SC; four step daughters, Dianne James (Johnnie) of Mountville, SC, Sara Shorter of Newberry, SC, Elsie James and Dora James of Laurens, SC; fifteen step grandchildren; twenty-two step great-grandchildren; one step great-great-grandchild; one sister, Rosetta Scott Elmore (Rev. Willie) of Newberry, SC; a devoted niece, Sherri Scott; two sisters-in-law, Lillie Mae Sheppard and Irene Scott of Newberry, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including two devoted friends, Dorothy Sanders and Cynthia Wallace.



*Order of Service*  
*Rev. Willie Elmore, Jr., Presiding*

- Prelude
- Processional ..... Clergy and Family
- Opening Selection ..... Trinity A.M.E. Choir
- Invocation ..... Elder Robert Shackerford
- Scripture .....Minister  
Old Testament  
New Testament
- Solo..... Pastor Carol Owens
- Resolution/Remarks ..... Dorothy Sanders  
Woman’s Home Aid Society Lodge #6
- Solo.....Marvin Worthy
- Words of Comfort .....Rev. Bobby Seepersaud
- Recessional Selection ..... Trinity A.M.E. Choir  
“I’m Free”
- Committal and Benediction ..... Graveside
- Interment ..... Trinity A.M.E. Church Cemetery  
Newberry, South Carolina
- Repast ..... St. Matthew Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Newberry, South Carolina