

Order of Service



Quiet Time: 2:30-3:00 PM

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister Reverend Billy D. Houze

Congregational Hymn “*Oh I Want to See Him*” Combined Choir

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 23 Minister Rachel Myers

New Testament 2 Cor 5:6-8 Bishop Sharon Martin

Prayer of Comfort Pastor James L. Smith, M Div.

Selection “*You are My Strength*” Ms. Toneika Stephens

Remarks (*2-minute limit please*)

Close Friends: Donna Gaston,
Deacon Julius Tennal,
Julia Smith,
Vernie Hector
Family: Darren and Marcus (Remarks)

Reading of Obituary (*Silently*)

Selection “*Glory Land*” The Camp Sisters

Words of Comfort Reverend Billy D. Houze

Recessional

Interment First Baptist Church Cemetery



Sharing Her Story Janie Wray Samuel



"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." *II Corinthians 5:6-8*

Sunrise...

Janie was born to the late James and Essie Lou (Moon) Wray on January 17, 1939. She was the second of eight children.

A Life Well Spent...

Janie grew up in Cleveland County, NC where she attended Douglas High School in Lawndale, graduating in the top 10 percent of her class. Janie was always very studious and extremely interested in education. After graduating high school, she moved to Philadelphia, PA to seek employment. After moving to Philadelphia, Janie worked for several employers. Her main employment was as a cashier at Sears Roebuck. While residing in Philadelphia, Janie met her first husband, James Myers, and from this union two sons, Marcus and Darren, were born. After being a resident of Philadelphia, Janie and her family relocated to Fort Worth and Houston, TX before eventually returning to Shelby, NC in 1976. After returning home, Janie decided to continue her education at Cleveland Community College where she received an associate's degree in Advanced Office Technology. Janie went on to live in other cities such as Durham, NC and Rochester, NY and worked for IBM, EPA and Kodak. While living in Durham, Janie met and married her second husband, Arnold Samuel. In 2004, and after his death, she relocated back to Shelby to help care for her aging mother.

Her Service...

Janie joined First Baptist Church Lawndale after returning to North Carolina. Here, she served on several organizations including Senior Choir, Sunday School student, and Usher board. She also attended Bible study regularly until her health began to decline.

Hobbies and Interests...

Her pastime included watching old black and white movies, baking awesomely delicious pound cakes for family and friends, going to estate and yard sales, and serving as a member of the Douglas High School reunion committee. She also had a mild interest in photography as well as collecting old and current family photos.

In Memory...

In addition to her grandparents and parents, Janie was preceded in death by her former husband Mr. Arnold Samuel, and a sister, Lillian Corprew.

Those Who Remain...

Her memory will be cherished by her two sons, U.S. Army Major Marcus Myers (Marilyn) of Leavenworth, KS and Darren Myers (U.S. Air Force Major Rachel) of Tucson, AZ, eight grandchildren; Jeanetta of Augusta, GA., Corey of Shelby, NC, Isaiah of Augusta, GA., Camille a student at N.C. A&T University, Marquia & Jacob Myers of Houston, TX, Miguel & Maleke Barksdale of Charlotte, NC, one great-grandson, Aiden Barksdale of College Station, TX, one great-granddaughter, Jelani Myers of Augusta, GA, five sisters, Betty Frye of Philadelphia, PA, Patsy Stephens (Charles) of Kings Mountain, NC, Marion Monroe and Linda Wray of Largo, MD; two brothers, Walter James Wray (Dorothy) and Ronnie Carl Wray (Vicki) of Kingstown, NC; five nieces and nine nephews; four aunts; Mattie Williamson of Ft. Washington, MD, Pearl Moon and Novenia Odums of Kingstown, NC and Jean Moon of Washington, D.C. and a special niece, Bernice Wray Whitaker of Durham, as well as a host of other cousins and friends.



To Mom with Love

*Mom,
You mean so much to us
more than words could ever say.
No one else could take your place
For even a single day.*

*From our earliest moments
your love has always been there.
Even when you scolded us
You were really saying "I care."*

*You've helped us through the bad times
and shared our joy in the good.
You have given so much for us
as only a mother could.*

*It's a precious gift from God
to have a mother like you,
because in your special love
we can see His love shine through.*

Love, Marcus and Darren



Pall Bearers

Bertrand Ramseur
DeWayne Wray
Edward Wray
James Whittaker, Jr.
Kenny Wray
Rodney Frye

Flower Bearers

Aubrae Corprew Collins
Bernice Wray Whittaker
Kim Wray
Lori Corprew
Sara Carlton
Tonieka Stephens
Velvet Briscoe

Homegoing Celebration



Janie Wray
SAMUEL

Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 3:00 PM

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Reverend Billy D. Houze, Pastor
Officiating

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