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Darby (Carla), Charaya D. Hardy (DeShawn), Charles "C.J." Anderson (Valerie), Nefetair Darby, Isaiah Anderson, Kiah Darby, Hanif Darby, and Hanbal Darby; seventeen great-grandchildren: Xavier Morgan, Corey James Darby, Jr., Jaequan Conner, Syeira Conner, Joseph Francis, Gavin Jackson, DeShawn Conner, Jr., Anabella Lindsay, Sophia Lindsay, Madison Franklin, Mathias Darby, Zaniya Conner, Lillian Beckford, Dominic Anderson, Leila Conner, Kayori Peterson and Kehlian Darby; three godsons: Harold Kelly, Savalais "Dana" Sims (who predeceased her), and Pastor Spencer Sims; five goddaughters: Irene Dimoh, Dorothy Exum, Margie Kelly, Helena Person and Ruth Scott; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives, church members, friends and neighbors.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of *the late* **Mother Agnes Darby** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook tributes, visits, your presence here this morning, and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who sent their love from near and far to encourage us during this time. We especially would like to thank Marie Elysee (Home Health Aide), MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care Unit, Nurse Bethsaida Pierre-Louis, and the RN Case Manager. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.

PALLBEARERS:

Charles Anderson, Jr. ~ Isaiah Anderson ~ Elder Joseph Batts
Elder James Carter ~ Hannibal Darby ~ Deacon Todd Lewis
Elder Spencer Sims

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Mother Agnes Darby

Sunrise

May 31, 1927

Sunset

January 19, 2021

Thursday ~ January 28, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.
at

HISTORIC FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
221 Kingston Avenue (corner of Park Place)
Brooklyn, New York 11213

The Reverend Joseph Clemmons, Jr., *Senior Pastor*

*"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with mine eye". ~ Psalms 32:8*

OBITUARY

Mother Agnes Darby, the second child of *(the late)* Alberta Denino, was born on May 31, 1927 in Alachua, Florida. During her early years, she attended Alachua Grammar School. When **Agnes** was seven years old and James was eleven years old, he came to her house while she and her mother were working in the yard. James asked her mother if he could marry her. Her mother said to James, *"Who's gonna take care of her?"*. He said *"My daddy!"* Her mother said *"Get on away from here, boy"*. After years passed, **Agnes** and James met again ... and they were united in Holy Matrimony on August 20, 1948. They were married for fifty-eight years. From their union, five children were born: Ronald Lee (who predeceased her), Rosalind, Cynthia, Kevin and Sandra.

They migrated to New York where she joined the Historic First Church of God in Christ under the leadership of *(the late)* Bishop Frank Clemmons. Among the many auxiliaries on which she served, she was an Evangelist, President of Hospitality, and Celestial Choir member. At the Historic First Church, she also served under each succeeding pastor. For over twenty years, she was a Trustee Board member. Later, **Mother Darby** served as President of the Mother's Board, District, and Jurisdiction, then was appointed *Church Mother*, remaining in that role until the Lord called her home.

Agnes Darby earned her GED, and continued her education at New York City Community College. There, she earned an Associate's in Applied Sciences. Shortly after, **Agnes Darby** earned a Bachelor of Arts at Brooklyn College in Early Childhood Education; she continued onward to receive a Master of Science in Education, and a Master of Science in Guidance Counseling. **Agnes Darby** was an Early Childhood Teacher in the NYC Board of Education for over twenty years before retiring. Still desiring to teach, she worked at Rising Star Day Care Center for three years, then taught at Christian Heritage Academy for several years.

Mother Agnes Darby loved and served her community. She was President of the Albany Avenue Tenants Association where she happily gave of her time to participate in the neighborhood watch and wherever needed. She taught her children the value of doing volunteer work, desiring that they would give of their God-given gifts, time, and talents. She modeled and taught the importance of accepting Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior and Lord, as well as the need to be led by Him daily. One of the scriptures she frequently recited came from Proverbs 3:5-6: *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path"*.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2021, **Mother Agnes Darby** entered into eternal rest. Her husband James Thomas Darby, son Ronald L. Darby, and brother George Young are welcoming her into Heaven's gates. She leaves to cherish her legacy, her beloved children: Rosalind Darby, Cynthia D. Carter (James), Kevin Darby (Kathy), and Sandra D. Anderson, (Charles); eleven grandchildren: Corey James Darby (Jacquetta), Crystal R. Lindsay (Wade), Chevonna R. Hardy, Hannibal

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ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Reverend Joseph Clemmons, Jr. *Senior Pastor*

Musical Prelude Bro. Darryl Neely

Final Viewing {9:50 a.m.} Friends and Family

Hymn (*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*)

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Mr. Charles Anderson, Sr.

New Testament Lady Mary Clemmons

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Joseph Clemmons

SPECIAL BRIEF REMARKS: (only 2 minutes each)

Elder Spencer Sims, Pastor of Open Door COGIC

Elder John Harris, Pastor of New Calvary COGIC

Elder Lynell Rhett, Pastor of Evergreen COGIC

Solo (*"Daily I Should Worship Thee"*) Elder Eric Williams

Acknowledgments / Obituary Mrs. Crystal R. Lindsay

Resolution Mother H. Marcelle Harris, *Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women*

Poem Ms. Charaya Hardy

VIDEO TRIBUTES:

Bishop Joseph Clemmons, Sr., *Pastor Emeritus*, Historic First COGIC

The Reverend Gary Rhett, Jr., *Senior Pastor*, Evergreen COGIC

Mother Cora Staten, *District Missionary*

Bishop James Pullings, Jr., *Pastor*, Leviticus COGIC, Prelate First Juris ENY

Mr. Paul Meyerend, *Principal of Christian Heritage Academy*

Expressions of Love Sis. Irene Dimoh

Solo (*"If I Can Help Somebody"*) Sis. Margaret Wiggins

Eulogy Pastor Joseph Clemmons

Benediction

Recessional (*Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the chapel.*)

ENTOMBMENT:

Pinelawn Memorial Park Mausoleum

2030 Wellwood Avenue

(Exit 35 off Southern State Parkway)

Farmingdale, Long Island, New York