

*In Loving Memory*  
Ms. Ethel L. Cunningham



*Into Time*

May 15, 1935

*Into Eternity*

June 19, 2012

12:00 p.m.  
June 26, 2012

New Pilgrim Baptist Church  
708 Goldwire Place, SW  
Birmingham, Alabama 35211  
Reverend Dr. James H. Brooks, Senior Pastor  
Officiating

# Obituary

**Ms. Ethel L. Cunningham**, was born May 15, 1935, the eldest of six children, to the late Will and Addie Thomas Cunningham in Benton, AL. She received her education in the Lowndes County Public School System.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and united with Shiloh Baptist Church, in Benton, AL under the pastorate of Rev. M. D. Thomas. After moving to Montgomery, AL, she united with Pilgrim's Rest Missionary Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Walter Ellis. While living in Birmingham, she received spiritual care through worship at New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. She was also a former resident of New Pilgrim Towers.

Mrs. Cunningham departed this life on June 19, 2012. Left to cherish her loving memories are her daughter, Trecia (Marcus) Bibbins of Montgomery, AL; and two sons, David (Linda) Cunningham and Vernon Cunningham; seven grandchildren, Derek (Melody) Cunningham, Devin Cunningham of Tampa, FL, Brittne (Chris) Carlisle, Erica Cunningham, Quentarious Hill, and Shadeja Hill, all of Montgomery, AL, and Nilah Cunningham; two great grandchildren, Morgan Cunningham and David Landon Cunningham; a brother, Odess Cunningham of Montgomery, AL; two sisters, Annie Cunningham, Nancy (Charles) Bivens, both of Montgomery, AL. She also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Cunningham was preceded in death by brother, Roosevelt Cunningham; sister Eddie Mae Bowie; and grandson, TraDarius DeRamus.

## Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for though art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

# *Order of Service*

The Prelude

The Processional

Musical Selection “How Great Thou Art” Sis. Olivia McGaha

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

Rev. Robert Bearden, Pastor  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Zion City

New Testament

Rev. John Dasher, Pastor  
Word of Life Church  
Montgomery, AL

Prayer

Rev. Dr. John Henry Williams, Pastor  
Greater St. John Baptist Church

Solo “We Are Our Heavenly Father’s Children”

Rev. Jerry Cunningham  
Associate Pastor of Worship-Pastoral Care  
New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary (Read Silently)

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks  
Senior Pastor  
New Pilgrim Baptist Church

Acknowledgements

The Recessional

“Going Up Yonder”  
New Pilgrim Baptist Music Staff

**Pallbearers**  
Family

**Flower Bearers**

New Pilgrim Baptist Church Deaconess Ministry  
Word of Life Church Ushers Ministry, Montgomery, AL

**Mortician Services**

Arrington Funeral Home  
520 Cotton Avenue, SW  
Birmingham, AL 35211

**Interment**

Elmwood Cemetery  
600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35211

**Repast**

New Pilgrim Baptist Church

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