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INTERMENT

Harpersville Cemetery

Harpersville, Alabama

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO



Smith and Gaston Funeral Services

102 6th Avenue SW

Birmingham, Alabama 35211

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late Gennetter Kelley Ricks wishes to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the many comforting visits, phone calls, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern shown to us at this time.

Homegoing Celebration



Sis. Gennetter Kelley Ricks

March 7, 1926 - July 15, 2015

Saturday, July 25, 2015

1:00 pm

New Pilgrim Baptist Church

708 Goldwire Place SW

Birmingham, Alabama 35211

Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks, Officiating

Obituary

Life, Death and Eternity are three of the most powerful words in the English Language. Life is given to us in infancy. During the course of this life, one has an opportunity to prepare for eternity. Death to a Christian is a way to a more joyful and glorious life.

Sister Gennetter Kelley Ricks was born March 7, 1926 in Harpersville, Alabama to the late Mr. Joe and Gennie Street Kelley. She was baptized at the age of nine years old into the fellowship of The Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Harpersville, Alabama under the leadership of the late Rev. W. E. Betts.

A native of Shelby County, she attended and graduated from Shelby County Training High School in 1946. Later moving to Birmingham she united with New Pilgrim Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. W. M. Posey in 1952, where she remained a loyal, faithful and dedicated member until God called her home on July 15, 2015.

She attended Western Olin Vocational Trade School and received a Diploma as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She retired from UAB Hospital with 36 years of service.

She received several Christian Service Awards from the church for loyal and dedicated service during her lifetime; volunteered with the American Red Cross for 30 years, and shared in Nursing Organizations. She rendered faithful and caring service with The Bread of Life Ministry, March Sheepfold, Sunday School, Mission Ministry and Cathedral Choir. Most of all she loved sending greeting cards to her Pastor and family, church family, to others she knew and some she didn't know. No matter what the occasion might be, she loved it.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, five brothers and six sisters. She leaves to cherish her memories, four sisters, Mrs. Rose Drummond, Cincinnati, Ohio, Ms. Catherine Smith, Columbus, Georgia, Ms. Willie Joe Kelley, Cleveland, Ohio, Ms. Jerrlyn Kelley, Harpersville, AL and a host of Loving, Caring Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Friends and the New Pilgrim Baptist Church family.

—On The Wings of Prayer—

*Just close your eyes
And open your heart
And feel your worries
And cares depart,
Just yield yourself
To the Father above
Secure in His love-*

*For life on earth
Grows more involved
With endless problems
That can't be solved-*

*But God only asks us
To do our best,
Then He will take over
And finish the rest-*

*So when you are tired,
Discouraged, and blue,
There's always one door
That is open to you-*

*And that is the door
To the house of prayer
And you'll find God waiting
To meet you there,
And the house of prayer
Is not farther away
Than the quiet spot
Where you kneel and pray-
For the heart is the temple
When God is there
As we place ourselves
In His loving care,*

*And He bears every prayer
And answers each one
When we pray in His name
"Thy will be done"-*

*And the burdens that seemed
Too heavy to bear
Are lifted away
On the wings of prayer.*

*My "God's will be
done" in your life today
and always, and may
you feel His peace and
presence flood your
heart like never before.*

Order of Service

Processional

Song New Pilgrim Church Choir

Old Testament Rev. Jerry C. Cunningham
Associate Pastor of Worship and Pastoral Care

New Testament. Rev. Dr. Lamar D. Johnson
Associate Pastor of Youth & Family Life

Prayer Elder Anthony Tony
Church of God In Christ

Song New Pilgrim Church Choir

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

Committal Service Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks

Song *Going Up Yonder*

Recessional

