

Vernice Grundy Gales
Sunrise

February 17, 1923

September 7, 2014

Psalm 100 (KJV)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Life Celebration

Monday, September 15, 2014 ~ 11:00 A. M. Viewing: 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

First African Baptist Church

901 Clifton Avenue Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania 19079-2331

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor

Life Reflection of Vernice Grundy Sales

Vernice Grundy Sales, was born on February 17, 1923 in Ellaville, Georgia to Claudie and Lovie Ruth Major Grundy. She converted to Christ at a very early age at Cedar Creek Baptist Church.

Very quietly and peacefully on September 7, 2014, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom gently closed the eyes of our beloved, Vernice Sales and she entered into her eternal rest.

Vernice married her late husband, Gradie Sales on July 17, 1941 and was the proud mother of a son, the late Gregory Sales, and a daughter Wanda.

Vernice received her formal education in her hometown of Ellaville, Georgia and was employed by many companies over the years including the Philadelphia Navy Yard during World War II. She enjoyed a successful career as a seamstress in Newark, New Jersey and retired in Philadelphia Pennsylvania in 1992.

Vernice joined Zion Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J. Stanford, of Newark, New Jersey; and became a Deaconess as her late husband was ordained a Deacon in 1966, and served as the Vice Chairman of the Deacon Board and Chairman of the Building Fund until they moved to Philadelphia.

Vernice then moved her membership to First African Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. B. W. Watkins and continued her membership under the esteemed Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent.

Vernice's favorite past-times were: cooking, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed discussing her favorite television shows: "General Hospital" and "Wheel of Fortune" with her close friend, Mary Jones.

Surviving her are her daughter, Wanda Sales-Thompson (Jon) of Coatesville PA; one sister, Juanita Grundy of Philadelphia PA; three grandsons: Michael L. Sales (Vernicka) of Houston, TX, Minister Gregory Sales, Jr. (Tamika) of Newark, DE, and Sharif Anwar Sales (Danielle) of Dover, DE; one granddaughter, Karimah Jasmin Sales of Philadelphia PA; eleven great-grandchildren: Torryn, Tatum, Tallon, Gregory III, Caleb, Isaiah, Nasir, Dajuan, Oba, Omari, and Khloe'; three adoring and close friends: Mary Jones, Zimra Chorney and Dominique; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Sorrowfully & Prayerfully Submitted, The Family



Musical Prelude

Processional ~ Clergy & Family

Final Viewing / Closing of the Bier, Claude J. Edney F. H. Staff

Opening Sentences ~ Pastor Richard A. Dent

Selection of Faith ~ "Blessed Assurance"

The Good News of Scripture Old Testament ~ Psalm 23 New Testament ~ St. John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Selection of Faith ~ Comfort Choir

Acknowledgment of Cards & Resolutions

Reading of Life Reflection (Obituary)

Selection of Faith ~ Comfort Choir

Message of Good News (Eulogy) ~ Pastor Richard A. Dent

Benediction / Recessional



REPAST

Following the Interment, Family & Friends will be received at: First African Baptist Church for Refreshments & Fellowship



Pall Bearers ~ Floral Bearers

Family & Friends

Mother

It is a mother's special love That changes house to home. It is her familiar presence That brings harmony and tone. It is a mother's expert skill That shapes us for life's way ... Her courage and convictions That inspire us to pray. It is a mother's gentleness That heals our heart's deep hurt Her will and strong endurance That sustains her in her work ... It is a mother's constant grace To forgive time after time, To support us in each crisis And know where to draw the line. It is a mother's faith and trust.



A Note of Thanks & Appreciation

The family of the late Vernice Grundy Sales, extend their sincere appreciation to their many family members, friends, neighbors and her church family for their prayers, expressions of sympathy, and love shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you all in His loving grace and care.

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