



Theressa Gregg James

November 13, 1922 - January 25, 2021

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8

God in His infinite wisdom bid His child, the gracious and efficient Episcopal Supervisor Retired Dr. Theressa Gregg James to come home for her eternal rest on Monday, January 25, 2021. The wife of The Right Reverend Frederick Calhoun James, the Ninety-Third Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. James celebrated seventy-six years of wedded bliss on December 30, 2020.

Born November 13, 1922, in Marion, South Carolina, she was a daughter of the late Grant and Lillie Legette Johnson Gregg. Her educational experience included graduating Cum Laude from Allen University's Kittrell College with a Bachelors of Arts degree in History, a Masters of Arts degree from the Teachers College of Columbia University and an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree from Monrovia College in Liberia, West Africa.

Professionally, she worked as a public school educator and administrator. Civically, she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and a Life Member and Legacy Life Member of the National Council of Negro

Women. Her church work included the Women's Missionary Society, Church Women United, World Federation of Methodist Women, the Bishops' Spouses Council, Governing Board of the National Council of Churches of America, Church World Service Committee, and the National Council of Churches. She was also a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Along with Bishop James, she served the Fifteenth District (South Africa and South West Africa), the Eighteenth District (Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, and Mozambique) the Twelfth District (Oklahoma and Arkansas) the Seventh District (South Carolina), the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Office of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Second District (Washington, DC, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland). She was also the author of An Historical Review of Missions in South Africa.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, her loving and devoted husband, the Right Reverend Frederick Calhoun James; nieces and nephews; the many women she mentored along her journey; and countless parishioners who will miss her dearly.

Memorials may be made to needy students at Allen University 1530 Harden Street Columbia, SC 29204.

To view the livestream of the service, go to Facebook, search for Palmer Memorial Chapel, like the page, and you will be able to view the livestream beginning at 11:45AM on the day of the service.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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FEB 3. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Palmer Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Theresa Gregg James*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - February 09, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *Theresa Gregg James*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute Album*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - February 17, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Dr. Theressa Gregg James program



Palmer Memorial Chapel - February 05, 2021 at 03:56 PM

AS

I was saddened to hear about the passing of one of the nicest people I have known in my life. I am Happy to have called her Aunt!

Alfred E Gary Sr - February 06, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ *Connie Black, Mullins, SC What a beautiful life and memories you have had- a long life, long devoted, loving marriage, and long faith. Thank you for your welcoming spirit and friendship. God bless and comfort Bishop James and family.*

Connie A. Black - February 03, 2021 at 02:45 PM

JL

“ Bishop James, I was saddened to hear about the passing of Supervisor/Soror James. She was a great inspiration to me when you both served the 12th. I was Conference YPD President and Episcopal 1st VP during your time in the 12th. My prayers of comfort go out you and your family. Dr. Theresa Gregg James was a beautiful lady inside and out. Thinking of you, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the days ahead. Angel Little (Perkins/Pettigrew Family) Lawton, Oklahoma. Presently Austell, Georgia. God Bless You, Bishop James.

Jacqueline Little - February 03, 2021 at 12:48 PM

RS

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Bishop Frederick C James and extended family in loss of Mother Theresa Gregg James missed you my earthly angel...well done. Heaven belong to you Mother James . God's Heavenly Angel transitioning back to her Heavenly Home...Rest well until we meet again on that Heavenly Shore..."Thank you for love my forever Shero in Faith, my encourager, my key supporter/ prayer warriors in the Faith and Godmother. And "'Darwin, May God blessed your Ministry beyond measures from the AME Church to the Baptist Church, we're One Faith, One Lord and One Baptism (whether you're sprinkled by the water or by being (immersion under water totally) in name of the Father The Son and Holy Spirit. Darwin Nahshon Miller you will always be a product of the AME Church. Go and serve the Baptist Ministry well in which you are now ordained.'" (Mother James/Spr2017). Love you Godmother James, missed you forever apart me...

Rev. Darwin N Miller

Executive Pastor Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Darwin N Miller Exe.Pastor SHMBC - February 03, 2021 at 04:38 PM

RB

“ May the cherished memories bring you comfort during this time.

Rev. Dr. Tobie Hardy Pollock, BCC - February 03, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RS

My prayers and thoughts are with you Bishop Frederick C James my Godfather love beyond measures...I came by yesterday and said rest well Mother Theresa Gregg James forever apart of me...

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And "Darwin, May God blessed your Ministry beyond measures from the AME Church to the Baptist Church, we're One Faith, One Lord and One Baptism (whether you're sprinkled by the water or by being (immersion under water totally) in name of the Father The Son and Holy Spirit. Darwin Nahshon Miller you will always be a product of the AME Church. Go and serve the Baptist Ministry well in which you are now ordained." (Mother James/Spr2017). Love you Godmother James, missed you forever apart me...

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Rev. Darwin N Miller Exe.Pastor SHMBC - February 03, 2021 at 05:05 PM

MF

“ *Our sincerest condolences.*

Mrs. Thelma Hardy and Family - February 03, 2021 at 11:17 AM

TC

“ *We extend our sympathy and condolences to Bishop James & Family.
Tom & Delores Crosby*



Tom Crosby - February 03, 2021 at 09:32 AM

DM

My prayers and thoughts are with Bishop Frederick C James and extended family in loss of Mother Theresa Gregg James. Rest well Mother James into we meet again on that Heavenly Shore. I was by on yesterday to pay my deep respect of love... you will be forever apart of me. You and Bishop James are my inspiration in the Faith.

Darwin N Miller - February 03, 2021 at 06:52 PM

OE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ora L. Easley - February 03, 2021 at 03:40 AM

OE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ora L. Easley - February 03, 2021 at 03:36 AM

KV

“ *With deepest condolences to Bishop Frederick Calhoun James and family.*

The Heyward AME Church Family

kenneth Vinson - February 02, 2021 at 03:47 PM

GT

“ *Sending sincere condolences to Bishop James and the James Family. Praying that God will give you comfort and strength during this time. Supervisor Theresa James was an extraordinary person and was committed to the service of God. Her leadership in the Women's Missionary Society as well as the other components of the AME Church will always be remembered and cherished. To God Be The Glory for such a Wonderful Woman of God!*



Genell Tarte - February 01, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DG

“ *God's Blessings to the family of Mrs. James. She always presented herself beautifully inside and out during their time in the 12th District. Truly we were blessed by their leadership and I remember both of them fondly.*

Memories of her glowing smile and quiet demeanor linger and will always be fondly remembered.

Thank you Bishop James for your work and for sharing her with us. Your devotion to God continues and I pray that your heart continues that love in this time of grief.

God bless you and know there is an outpouring of prayers for your strength.

*Doretta A. Griffin of the South AR Conference of the 12th Episcopal District
now the E. AR Conference.*

Doretta A. Griffin - February 01, 2021 at 10:01 AM

PP

“ *My deepest condolences to Bishop Frederick Calhoun James and family for your loss which is heaven’s gain. We thank God for a life well lived! May the memories you shared comfort you as a warm blanket would on a cold wintry night. Know that my prayers and thoughts are with you.*



Patricia G. Parker - January 31, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *I remember Mrs James ,asBishop James’s Wife
A woman of a style of Her Own. Confident
In who she was and what she was!
Teresa Corley*

Teresa Corley - January 31, 2021 at 12:20 PM

BS

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Barbara Smith - January 30, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BW

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not Heal! I really have no words to express my sincere sympathy to Bishop James in the passing of Dr. Theresa. I count my blessing at every remembrance of her efforts and yours in this AME Church and specifically in my life as a member of Friendship AME Church-Clinton. Dr. Theresa poured love for the work of mission into my inner soul. I will carry it with me wherever I go and will live my days trying to pour into others as I pass this way!*

Bessie Eaddy Williams - January 29, 2021 at 02:57 PM

LG

“ *Huline and Lee Goodman, Sorry for the loss of your love one. Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers.*



Lee Goodman - January 28, 2021 at 06:08 PM

LN

“ *TO: THE RIGHT REVEREND F. C. JAMES:
WE PRAY FOR YOUR STRENGTH AS YOU
EXPERIENCE THE TRANSITION
OF THE GRACEFUL AND DECENTLY
DIGNIFIED EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR,
DR. THERESSA G.JAMES ::*

"THE EPITOME OF GODLY SOPHISTICATION AND GRACE"

*LEON N. & VIRGINIA B.RICHBURG & FAMILY
SUMMERTON, SOUTH CAROLINA*



LEON N.RICHBURG,SR - January 28, 2021 at 04:03 PM