

*Homegoing Services For*



*Thelma Wilkerson James*

*Sunrise: February 11, 1925*

*Sunset: June 3, 2015*

Saturday, June 13, 2015  
10:00 A.M.

**First Baptist Church Piney Grove**  
4699 West Oakland Park Blvd.  
Lauderdale Lakes, FL

*Dr. Derrick J. Hughes, Pastor*

**A Roy Mizell and Kurtz Funeral Home Service**

# In Memory

<b>Name:</b>	Thelma Wilkerson James
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	February 11, 1925
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Matthews, Georgia
<b>Parents:</b>	The late Sadie Jordan and Fred Wilkerson
<b>Occupation:</b>	The Chemist Shop Warehouse Supervisor
<b>Religious Affiliation:</b>	First Baptist Church Piney Grove
<b>Survivors:</b>	

Three devoted daughters, Carlis Grant, Sharon James, and Cynthia Polk, all of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; one son, Layvester James (Marian) of Miami, FL; nine grandchildren, Pamela Green, Natoria Grant, Zakiyyah Polk, Marquita Polk, Stephanie Wilkerson, Donn Wilkerson, Layvester James, Jr., Andre James, and Darius Wilkerson; five great-grandchildren Jocelyn Philpot, Erik Philpot, Tierra Robinson, Michael Guillaume and Azaria Polk; two great-great grandsons, De'Andre Brown and Joshua King; three nephews, William Plummer, Daryl Plummer, and Charles Paige; three nieces, Agnes Brown, Mattie Cameron, and Tracy Barnswell; a close sister-cousin, Theretha Eady; a special cousin Ruby McIntosh; a longtime friend Lillie Bell Williams; and a host of great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins, and friends.

Thelma was preceded in death by her sons Elmon Wilkerson, Willie James Jr., and Donn Timothy James.

## Beliefs in Memory:

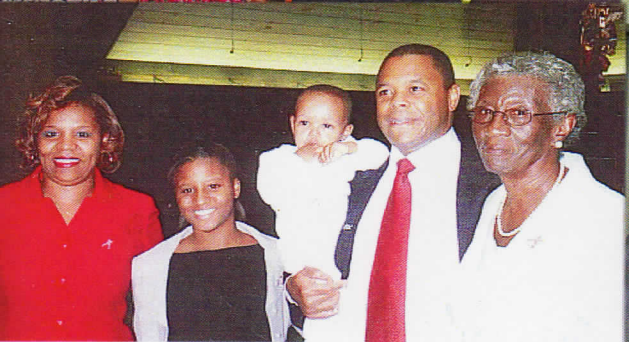
Thelma James was a woman after God's heart. She was a soft spoken, caring, and an unassuming individual; always concerned about others. She moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 1942 for an opportunity to advance her life. She was employed at various places, including the Ft. Lauderdale National Guard Armory, until she was hired at the well-known upscale drugstore on Las Olas Boulevard, The Chemist Shop. At The Chemist Shop Thelma was a trusted employee for over 50 years, and she worked in many capacities including warehouse supervisor, pharmacy driver, and gift wrapper. Her customers and co-workers considered Thelma the heart of The Chemist Shop. She retired in 1998 and began gardening, traveling, and caring for her grandchildren.

Thelma was a devoted member of First Baptist Church Piney Grove for 67 years. She was very active with her church family and served in several capacities such as treasurer for Circle Ruth, secretary of Usher Board No 2, and a faithful Sunday school member. As a member of Circle Ruth, she loved visiting the Broward Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to share God's joy with others.

Thelma was also active in her community. She served as secretary of the Durr's Homeowner's Association. Also, she was a member of the Liberty City Chapter of Aglow International, a Christian organization dedicated to sharing God's word.

Thelma was a proud mother of seven children. She nurtured them spiritually, physically, and emotionally. She encouraged each of them to pursue their passions and supported their efforts. She continued to provide that same type of love and support to all of her grandchildren, and they affectionately called her "Mom." Thelma regularly participated in coordinating the Patterson & Oliphant Family Reunions. She served as the family treasurer for many years.

Thelma was loved by those who knew her, and she always made others feel welcomed in her home. She was a surrogate mother and grandmother to many. One of her greatest enjoyments was maintaining family devotion. She will be missed dearly.



# Order of Service

*Reverend John Williams, Presiding*

The Prelude ..... Soft Music

The Processional/Viewing ..... Family and Congregation

The Musical Selection..... First Baptist Church Piney Grove Choir

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

The Prayer

Solo ..... Matthew Fuller

The Reflections (limit 2 minutes please)

- As a Church Member ..... Emma Black
- As a Neighbor ..... Cora Lee Fuller
- As a Neighbor..... Philisenia Thorpe
- As a Family Member ..... William Plummer
- As a Family Member ..... Daryl Plummer

The Obituary ..... (Read Silently)

The Acknowledgements..... Roy Mizell & Kurtz Funeral Home

The Hymn of Comfort ..... First Baptist Church Piney Grove Choir  
"Amazing Grace"

The Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Derrick J. Hughes

Recessional

# *Ma Rose*

## *To My Mother*

*A beautiful rose tendered by God's  
Love*

*embraced with wisdom above.*

*A treasured beauty opens anew  
blanketed afresh morning dew.*

*Snipped from a bed of tea roses  
adorned as a precious ornament  
right under our noses.*

*A rose enriched hearts with great  
joy*

*and happiness declaring its  
place in our mahogany show case.*

*A beautiful morning star*

*A beautiful rose you are*

*.... Ma Rose*

By: Cynthia Ann Polk

## *Pallbearers*

Donn Wilkerson

Darius Wilkerson

Layvester James, Jr.

Charles Paige

Jarrett Paige

Andre James

Erik Philpot

## *Floral Attendants*

First Baptist Church Piney Grove Ushers

Patterson and Oliphant Family

## *Acknowledgments*

Deepest gratitude from the family is extended to all who found many ways to express love, friendship and sympathy during the illness and passing of our loved one, Thelma James. With sincere hearts we say "Thank You" to all who have shared this moment with us. We appreciate all you have done to comfort and console us. We thank each of you and may God continue to shower His many blessings upon you.

## *Interment*

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3201 N. W. 19th Street

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

## *Repast*

First Baptist Church Piney Grove

*Professional Services Entrusted To:*

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