

## *Pallbearers*

Nephews

## *Flower Attendants*

Nieces and Friends of the Family

### *God Took Her To His Loving Home*

God saw her getting tired, a cure not to be. He wrapped her in his loving arms and whispered "come with me"

She suffered much in silence, her spirit did not bend

She faced pain with courage, until the very end She tried so hard with us but her fight was in vain, God took her to His loving home and freed her from all her pain.

--*Anonymous*

### *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Selma Washington wish to express our sincere thanks to each of you during the illness and death of our loved one. We Thank God for the gift of friends who responded in so many beautiful ways; with phone calls, cards, flowers, visits, and most of all your prayers during these hours. It is our prayer that God richly bless each of you.

~*The family of the late Selma James Washington*

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# *A Homegoing Celebration*



## *Mrs. Selma James Washington*

*Sunrise*

September 21, 1933

*Sunset*

December 18, 2016

*Service*

11:00 AM, Wednesday, December 28, 2016

*Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel*

4315 N. Main Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

*Overseer Burdette E. Williams, Sr., Officiating*

# Obituary

**Selma James Washington** was born on September 21, 1933 to the late Arthur James and Flora Coppins James (Alexander) in Fort Mitchell, Alabama. Mrs. Washington attended the local schools in Alabama. She united in Christ at a young age and joined Cross Road Baptist Church.

Mrs. Washington moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1954. Once in Jacksonville, she expressed her Christian faith by joining Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her illness and call home to the Lord. Mrs. Washington retired from the Duval County School Board in 1997 after 25 years of service.

**Selma** married the late, Sam Washington who preceded her in death in 2004. Mrs. Washington was also preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Flora James; her sister, Mary James Vann; brother, Robert Lee Howell; and nephew, Ronald Gene Vann.

On Sunday morning, December 18, 2016, God called her home to rest.

**Selma** leaves to cherish her memories, her very devoted nephew and nieces: Ernest L. Vann, Sr. (Cynthia); Eleanor Vann Price (John), Dr. Valerie Vann, Knoxville, TN, Keisha Bell, Retha Bell Vann, Phoenix, City, AL, Shernita Cooper (James) St. Petersburg, FL, Robert Lee Howell, Jr. (Evelyn), Phoenix, AZ, Dr. Liz Washington Arnold and Beatrice Stewart, both of Goose Creek, SC, Lou Reese (David), Upper Marlboro, MD, Jeanette Washington, Tuscaloosa, AL, S. Dennis Washington (Valerie) and H. James Washington, both of Louisa, VA; great nieces, Barbara (Garfield), Jacqueline (James), Meliscia (Victor, Sr.), Tiffany (Corey), Johnese (Alton), Raven, and Kierra; great nephews, Ronald (Tia), Ernest, Jr., Steven (Linda), Quincy (Noreen), Eric, Shawn, and a host of great-great nieces and nephews; special cousins, Dorothy Coppins Ford, Gloria Coppins, both of Fort Mitchell, AL, Ernest Coppins, Jr. (Angela) Birmingham, AL, and Katherine Graves; two sister-in-laws, Eleanor Vann Black and Loretta Vann both of Fort Mitchell, AL; dear friends, Etha Davis, A. Jackie Price, and Virginia Lawton of Walterboro, SC; god daughter, Joann Singleton; and many devoted family members and friends.

# Order of Service

Pastor Louis Malone, Presiding  
*Cross Temple Baptist Church*

Processional ..... Minister Marlowe Smith

Invocation

Scripture:

Old Testament ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

New Testament ..... John 14: 1-16

Solo ..... Ms. Kierra Scott

Acknowledgements ..... Ms. JoDee Harris

Resolutions ..... Ms. Jacqueline Richardson

Reflections ..... (*2 Minutes Please*)  
Deacon Hicks, Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Solo ..... Ms. Loretta Vann

Words of Comfort ..... Overseer Burdette E. Williams, Sr.  
*Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church*

Recessional ..... Minister Marlowe Smith

## Interment

Restlawn Cemeteries  
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

## Repast

St. Thomas Life Center  
5863 Moncrief Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32209