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# *In Loving Memory*

of

*Mrs. Janet Lynelle Garrett Owens*



*Sunrise*  
*January 4, 1953*

*Sunset*  
*April 8, 2020*

*Thursday, April 16, 2020*  
*Evergreen Cemetery*  
*4535 Main Street*  
*Jacksonville, Florida 32208*



*Order of Service*  
*Reverend Denis Ford, Officiating.*

Rite Two:

I am the Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
And has committed himself to me in faith,  
Shall not die forever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
And that at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes will behold him  
Who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life unto himself,  
And none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So, it is, says the Spirit,  
for the rest form their labor.

*The Celebrant then says*

<i>People</i>	The Lord be with you
<i>Celebrant</i>	And also with you
	Let us pray

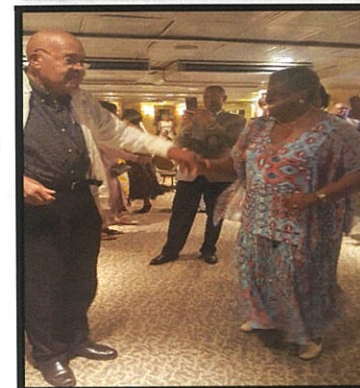
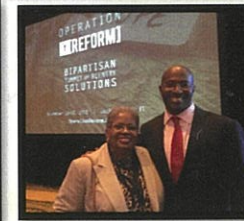
Collect

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Janet. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

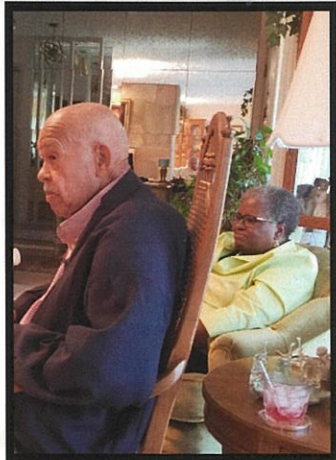
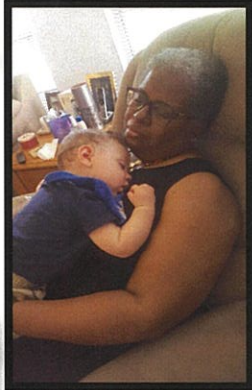
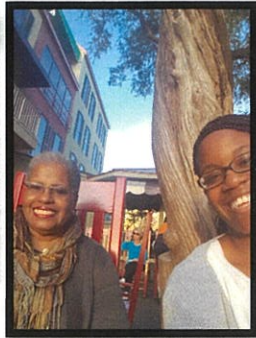
*Amen.*

Celebrant

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal Graciously with The Owens family and The Garrett family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed







by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The people sit.*

Psalm 121

I will lift my eyes to the hills, from whence shall my help come.  
My help comes from the Lord. Who made heaven and earth.  
He will not allow your foot to slip or to be moved; He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on the right hand.  
The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall keep you from all evil. He will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

Gospel:

John 14:1-6

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you: for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

And when I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

And where I am going, you know the way.

Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Comments from Family member

HOMILY The Rev. Denis Ford

Prayers for a Vigil

Dear Friends: It was our Lord Jesus himself who said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let us pray, then, for our sister Janet, that she may rest from her labors, and, enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

Receive, O Lord, your servant, for she returns to you.  
*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Janet.*



Wash her in the holy font of everlasting life, and clothe her in her heavenly wedding garment.  
*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Janet.*

May she hear your words of invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father".  
*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Janet.*

May she gaze upon you, Lord, face to face, and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.  
*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Janet.*

May the angels surround her, and saints welcome her in peace.  
*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our sister Janet.*

#### The Commendation

*Give rest O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying. "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Give rest O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*The Celebrant facing the body says,*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Janet. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light, Amen.

#### Committal

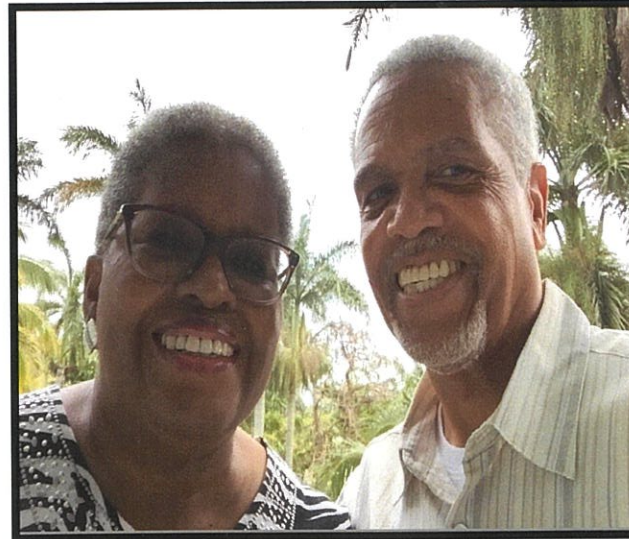
Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit.

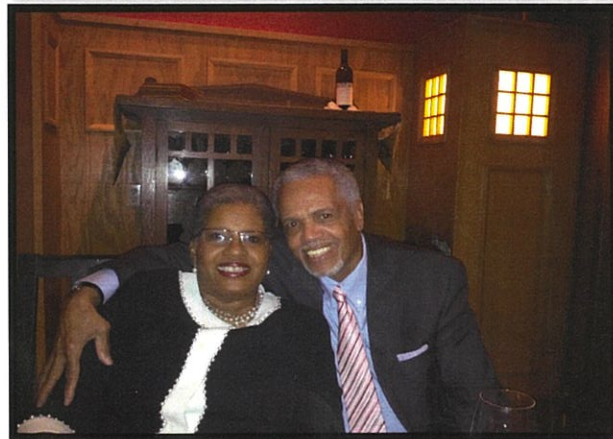
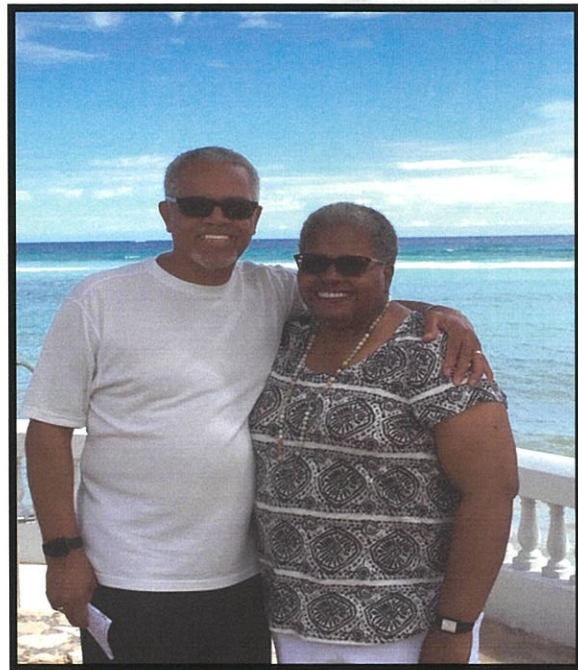
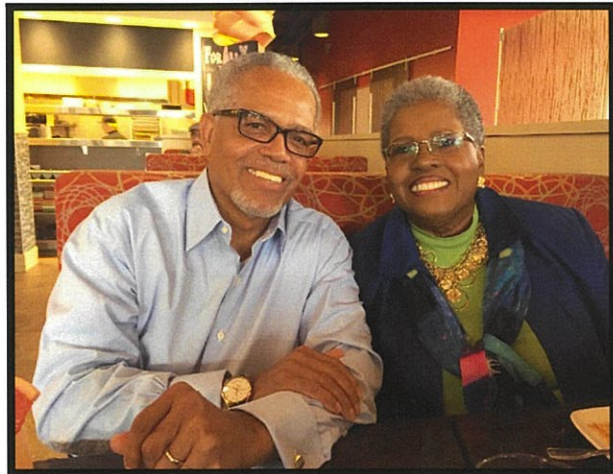
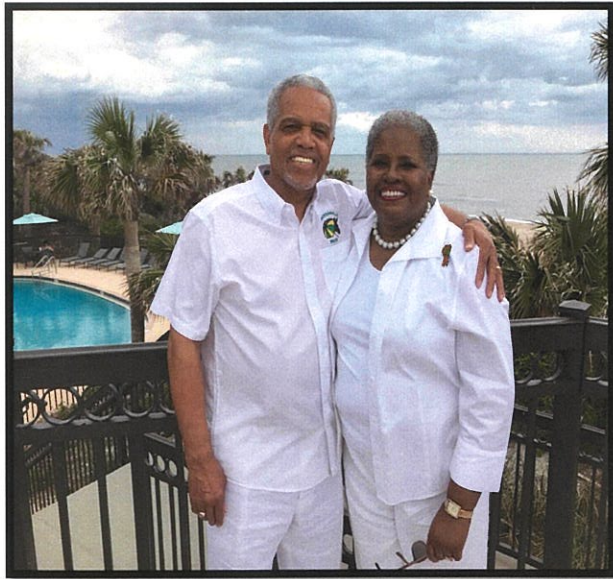
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*While earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words*







In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Janet, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make His face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. Amen.

Celebrant and People:

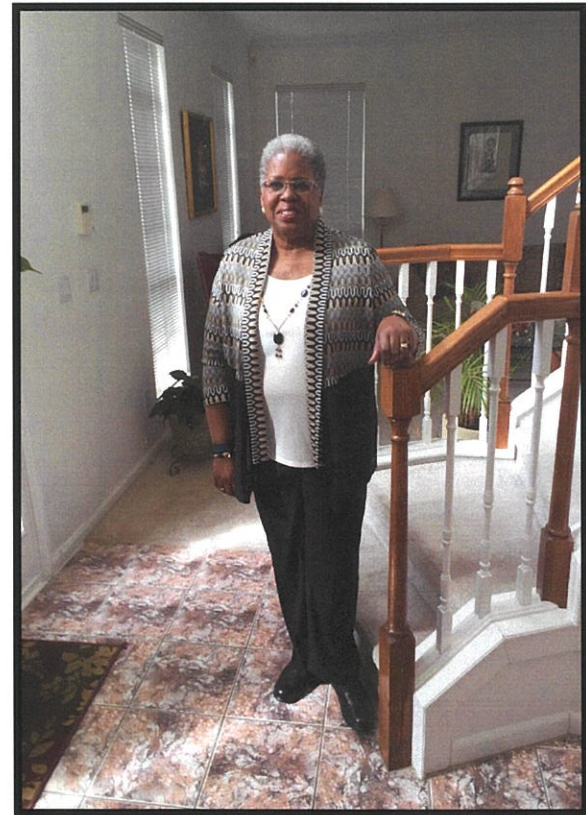
The Lords Prayer.

Rest eternal grant to her. O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ has risen.

People	The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.
Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God.





## Life Story

Mrs. Janet Lynelle Garrett Owens passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at her home in Jacksonville, Florida, after a long battle with breast cancer. She was born in Darlington, South Carolina, on January 4, 1953, to Fred D. Garrett, Sr., and Mamie Elizabeth Williams Garrett; later, the family relocated to Greenville, South Carolina.

Janet became a member of Springfield Baptist Church, where she played the piano for Sunday School and for Sunday morning worship. She attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, after which she attended and graduated from Greenville Senior High School in 1970 as a member of its second integrated class. She matriculated at and was awarded a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York.

After graduating in 1974, Janet consecutively worked in city government in Greenville, South Carolina, and then in Adrian, Michigan. Her career path led her to Washington, D.C, where she worked for International City Management Association and the District of Columbia. While working in D.C., she met and married the love of her life, Gregory Owens. They moved to St. Augustine, Florida, in 1984, before settling in Jacksonville, Florida, later that year.

In Jacksonville, Janet reaffirmed her faith by joining St. Philip's Episcopal Church. There, her dedication, faithful service and commitment were exemplified by her active participation as choir/musical director, organist, and a member of the building fund committee, the Union of Black Episcopalians, Daughters of the King, leader of the Junior Daughters of the King, Episcopal Church Women, and Cursillo.

Janet's community and professional involvement spanned three decades locally in Jacksonville and included Volunteer Jacksonville, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc., United Way of Northeast Florida, and LISC Jacksonville. She was one of the founding members of the Urban Education Symposium and Profectus Charter schools; credentialed as a *Certified Fund Raising Executive*, was a certified Housing Development Finance Professional; a Paul Harris Fellow; served as a City Year Jacksonville board member; Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Board of Governors, JP Morgan Chase Florida Community Advisory Board member; Florida First Coast Chapter - Association of Fundraising Professionals board member and chapter President; North Florida Chapter - Public Relations Society of America; City of Jacksonville Better Jacksonville Plan - Finance Administration Committee; Leadership Jacksonville (Class of 1992); a member of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville; Moles and Mules of Jacksonville;

and the local chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. In 2009, she received the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council Women of Distinction Award. She was recently recognized by Leadership Jacksonville as an outstanding community trustee at its 2018 Leadership Celebration and in 2019 she received a University of North Florida OneJax Humanitarian Award.

Janet is survived by her mother, Mamie Garrett; her loving husband of thirty-seven years, Gregory Owens; their three children, Greg S. Owens of Washington, DC; Garrett (Natalie) Owens of Palm Coast, FL and Morgan Owens of Jacksonville, FL; her sister, Leah D. Garrett and brother, Fred D. "Doug" (Ramika "Sky") Garrett, Jr., both of Greenville, SC; her niece, Emerald Garrett of Washington, DC; her nephew, A. D. Langston Garrett of Greenville, SC; and her grandchildren, Brittany Lee of Washington, DC; and Neah and Noah Owens of Palm Coast, FL.

