

I Am Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took this hand when I heard him call.*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Task left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burden with times of sorrow,

I wish the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full. I've savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seem all to brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift your heart and share with me,

God wants me now. He set me free!

Pallbearers

Andre Washington

Derek Clinton Jr.

Renard James

William Hamilton

George Washington

David James Jr.

Flower Attendants

Nieces and Friends

Repast

Fellowship Hall Macedonia Baptist Church

1880 Edgewood Avenue, West

Jacksonville, FL 32208

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Effie Ward James** wishes to thank everyone for the deeds of kindness shown during this difficult time. We will forever cherish you and your support.

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Celebration of Life



Effie Ward James

MAY 24, 1934 - MARCH 4, 2024

11 AM, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

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REVEREND JOHN DEVOE, JR., OFFICIATING

Obituary

Dear Mom...

Order of Service



Effie Ward James was born May 24, 1934, in Bristol, Georgia, to the late General Taylor and Veola Brown Ward. She was the eldest of seven siblings and the first Ward grandchild. Because she was the first girl, she was named after her grandmother, Effie Campbell Ward. She was educated in the Pierce County School system and graduated from Lee Street High School.

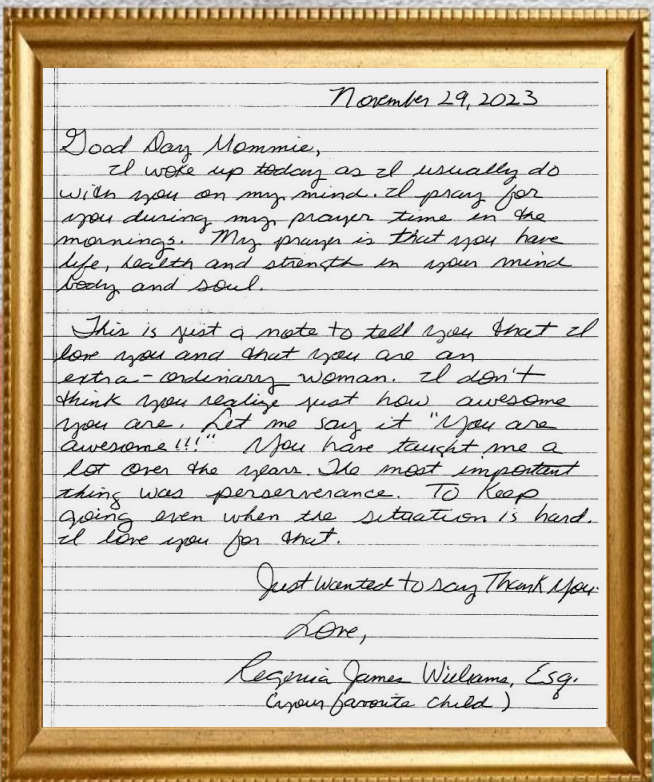
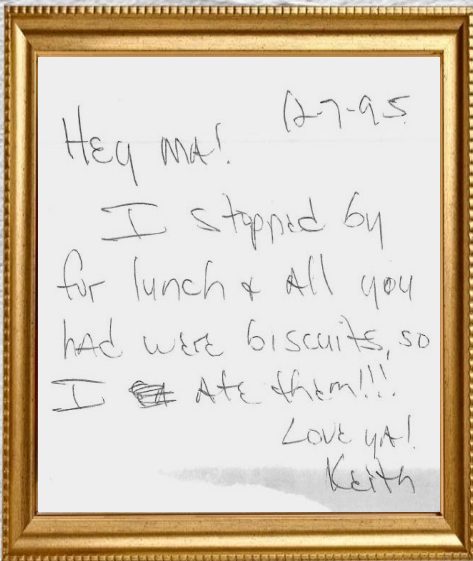
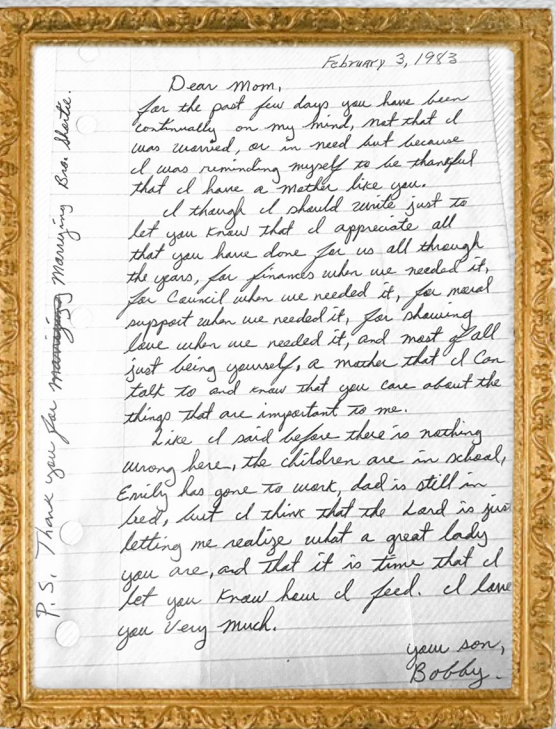
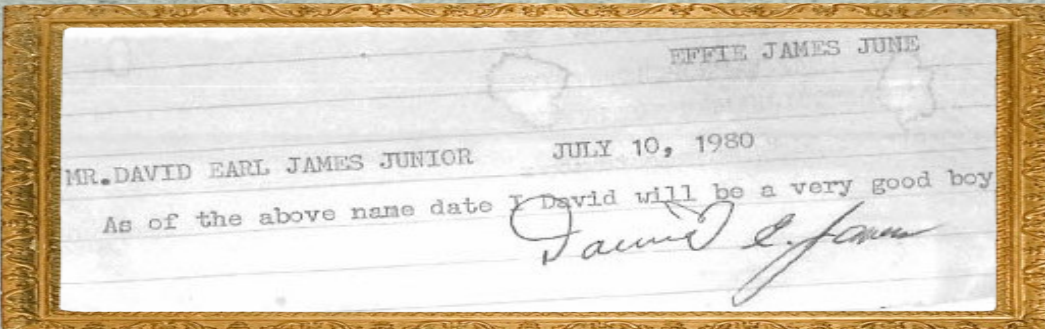
As a youth, she was a member of Union Chapel Baptist Church in Mershon, Georgia. As an adult, she became a member of Moncrief Missionary Baptist Church under the late Richard Scott. She served on the usher board, in the choir,

and was the financial secretary. In 1993, she and her husband joined Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, serving on the Deaconess Board and as Mother of the Church.

She married young to Nathaniel Anderson Sr. Her precious first-born son, Nathaniel J. Anderson, Jr, was a result of that union. She later met and married her husband of 69 years, David James. They relocated to Jacksonville.

Effie was a homemaker, but also worked a short time as a cashier for a local grocer and customer service representative for Sears Robuck & Company. All through life, she had a strong desire to grow and learn. She loved music and took piano and organ lessons and studied real estate. She was beautiful, smart, strong will, elegant, and always demanded a "spirit of excellence" for herself, family, and others. She was an artful negotiator when it came to dealing with vendors, walking away most of the time as the deal winner. As family matriarch, she loved the family and loved being the center of attention. We all loved and spoiled her.

Left to cherish her memories are her loving husband, David; her children: sons, Nathaniel (Emily) Anderson of Blackshear, Georgia; David (Cynthia) James, Everette Keith (Michelle) James; daughters, Regenia James (Juan) Williams and Carol James all of Jacksonville; ten grandchildren: Nathaniel Henry; Dawn Anderson Croom; Stephen Anderson; Trina (Nakia) Brinson; Kristie Anderson; Danielle James, Renard James, David James Jr., Jessica Williams, and Jenifer Williams Levy; twelve great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; one sister, Julia Ward Clinton, Jesup, Georgia; her other five siblings preceded her in death (General Taylor Ward Jr., Earlis Ward, Sr., Willie Ester Ward, Jerry Ward, and Edythe Ward Tarber); brother-in law, Louis (Anne) Butler; sisters in law, Sara Butler, Hessie (Henry) Butler, Helen Butler, and Faye James; one aunt, Nell "Peaches" Zilka, Tampa, Florida; Godchildren: Tiffany Granger Treadwell; Brittany Granger, and Stephen Granger; her special friends, Sis. Alma Surrency and Sis. Georgia Bell; a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that will miss her greatly. She knew the Lord as her personal savior, and she is resting with HIM now.



Processional

Hymn

Prayer

Scripture

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolution

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Minister

Pastor Nathaniel Anderson

Elder Ward

Choir

Greater Macedonia Baptist Church

Corine Steward

Greater Macedonia Baptist Church

Choir

Greater Macedonia Baptist Church

Reverend John Devoe, Jr.

Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church

Interment

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