

### Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### Acknowledgments

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

### Pallbearers

Elder George Brownlee	Anthony Calhoun
Lance Calhoun	Hilliard Davis
Rev. Marvin Robinson	Elder Selton Fleming

The family welcomes you to a repass at the  
James White Manor, 516 Bergen St., Newark NJ

Arrangements by:  
**James E. Churchman Jr. Funeral Home**  
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# Home Going Celebration of Sarah Calhoun 1927 - 2011



**Tuesday, December 27, 2011**  
10:00 a.m.

**Calvary Gospel Church**  
17 Lyons Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07107

**Pastor Steven B. Davis, Officiating**

## Order of Home Going Service

**Officiating:** Pastor Steven B. Davis  
**Opening Hymn** “Blessed Assurance”

**Selection:** Rhonda Davis

**Prayer of Comfort:** Diane Moses

### Scripture Readings:

Psalms 23 10-4 Evans  
John 14: 1-10 Evangelist Nadine Isaac

**Selection:** Monica Hillman

### Reflections of her mother:

Rosemary Horner

**Selection:** Marsha Bond

**Acknowledgments** Brenda Mitchell

**Remarks:** Elder George Brownlee

**Selection:** Lorraine Frazier

**Obituary** Delores Jackson

### Praise Dance:

“I’m On My Way” Mahaila Jackson Beverly Canady

**Eulogy:** Ray Horner Jr.

### Recessional

**Internment**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, NJ

### Obituary of Sarah Calhoun

“Caregiver”, “missionary”, “mother to many”, these are just a few of the words that describe Sarah Calhoun. Born in St. Clair, Georgia, by midwife, on April 18, 1927, Ms. Sarah was the only daughter of five children of William and Ella Calhoun.

As a member of a family of sharecroppers, she had first-hand knowledge of what “hard work” meant! She often shared stories about picking cotton or being taught how to cook for the family at the young age of 9 years old. Her family was strong and she experienced many happy times.

Ms. Sarah was tough and resilient. She had the love for healing and the intuitive nature of her father; a man many came to when they needed that special herbal medicine. And she had that special caregiver strength, compassion and outspoken nature of her mother, who was part Native American.

In her teen years, Ms. Sarah migrated to New Jersey with her mom and three of her brothers. Her father and one of her brothers stayed in the south because he didn’t want to be subjected to the fast pace and pollution up North.

Ms. Sarah, as she was commonly known, went to a Trade School and became a nurse’s aide at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. She was so good with her patients that the doctors wanted to send her to nursing school.

Her career came to a halt when her mom became paralyzed after undergoing an extensive surgery. At that time, Ms. Sarah was also pregnant with her only child, Rosemary, so she decided to stay home and care for both of them.

After the death of her mom, Ms. Sarah chose to focus her attention on raising her daughter and would occasionally do some domestic work.

She always said, “Know your calling and just do that”. She was convinced that God’s calling on her life was to address the needs of “sick folks, old folks and children”. To that end, she poured her life into being an excellent caregiver to the “sick folks, old folks and children”. She always had a kind word and listening ear for those who needed her care, and made herself available to assist them in whatever way she could.

Ms. Sarah greatest spiritual satisfaction came from her role as a missionary to the children in her housing complex “Little Bricks”, where she resided for 55 years after leaving West Kinney Street. Many of those children owe their spiritual upbringing to Ms. Sarah’s prompting them to go with her to Sunday School and Church services.

While she was a member of Abyssinia Baptist Church, she would walk the children there every Sunday. Later on, when she joined Calvary Gospel Church in 1979, she would round up the children in the morning and pack them into the Church Van. The sounds of children calling her name would fill the air in the housing complex on Sunday mornings, as they called out to let her know they were ready to go to Church.

Her sensitivity to the needs of the children, many of whom did not eat breakfast before leaving home, led her to start the early Sunday morning breakfast program at Church. There, she and several volunteers would prepare breakfast and feed the children after their Sunday School classes.

Ms. Sarah made her peaceful transition from earth to glory early Tuesday morning, December 20, 2011. She is preceded in death by her parents as well as her brothers Willie, Johnny and Morris Calhoun. She leaves to celebrate her life her daughter Rosemary, son-in law Ray Horner, brother Alfred Calhoun, along with many devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted children and a host of friends.

We thank God for the blessings that He provided through our mother, sister, aunt, cousin, adopted mother, friend and sister in Christ. To God be the glory!!