

Celebration of Life of
Bessie Leatric Spruill Mims



Sunrise: November 4, 1938

Sunset: January 18, 2026

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Family Hour: 10:30 a.m.

Celebration: 11:00 a.m.

New Union Baptist Church, Inc.

510 North Monroe Street

Baltimore, MD 21223

Reverend Dr. Hari P. Close, II

Senior Pastor

THE OBITUARY

Our beloved, Bessie Leatric Spruill Mims, peacefully transitioned from her earthly home to her heavenly rest on January 18, 2026, at Sinai Hospital in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. She was born to the late James Albert Spruill and Beulah Smith Spruill on November 4, 1938, in Halifax County, North Carolina. She was united in holy matrimony to the late James Mims.

Bessie attended Halifax County public schools and was a 1956 graduate of Brawley High School in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. At a young age, Bessie accepted the Lord as her Savior and joined Kehukie Missionary Baptist Church. After high school, she relocated to Baltimore and gained employment at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she faithfully served for 44 years before retiring in 2000. She was an active member of New Union Baptist Church in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, until her health began to fail. Bessie also found sisterhood through her membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bessie was preceded in death by her brother, James Albert Spruill, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Latricia Mims of the home and Vanessa Lewis of Scotland Neck, North Carolina; three sisters, Hattie Stroman of Magnolia, Delaware, Jannie Berry of Ambler, Pennsylvania, and Daisy Spruill of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; one Aunt, Clara Haynes of Jacksonville, FL; a special lifelong sister-friend, Sarah Hinton; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

We thank God for the gift of her life and rejoice in the promise that we will see her again.





Order of Service

REVEREND DR. HARI P. CLOSE, II, OFFICIATING



Processional
Clergy & Family

Hymn
New Union Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Readings
Old Testament/New Testament
Sister Greta Mills

Prayer
Bishop Patricia Stewart

Solo
Sister Esther Stokes

Acknowledgments & Reading of the Obituary
Sister Myrna Ford

Remarks
(2 minutes please)

Eulogy
Reverend Dr. Hari P. Close, II

Benediction

Recessional



Interment
Arbutus Memorial Park, Inc.
1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Arbutus, MD. 21227

Pall Bearers

James Mims Dontay Taylor
Jayleen Jones Miles Stroman
Edgar Berry Reginald Spruill

Acknowledgements

The family of Bessie Leatric Spruill Mims would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards, and all other expressions of love have brought us comfort and strength. A special thank you to the Sinai Hospital staff and the Hospice team for their compassionate care and kindness during such a difficult period. May God bless each of you.

You had a way of making
Everything feel safe,
As if the world was kinder when
You were near.
Your love was quiet but constant,
Given freely, without asking for
Anything back.
You taught us that strength could
Be gentle,
And that kindness was something
You lived, not just said.
In small moments and lasting
Lessons,
You shaped who we are.
We carry you now in memory and
In love,
In the ways we care for one
Another.
This isn't goodbye...
It's thank you.

Original Poem by granddaughter

**Professional Services
Entrusted to:
Hari P. Close Funeral Service, P.A.
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Baltimore, MD 21206**

**Golden Sunset Funeral Programs
Inspirational Designer:
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