



## Earnestine Spires

February 9, 1943 - September 24, 2014

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints"-Psalm 116:15. On Wednesday, September 24, 2014, surrounded by her family, Missionary Earnestine Ward Spires went home to be with the Lord. Earnestine, born on February 9, 1943, was the oldest daughter of the Late Elder Aaron & Missionary Catherine Ward. At a young age, you could see the loving and quiet spirit that Earnestine possessed. While in her teens, Earnestine accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Her love for the Lord and people was expressed in everything she did. She had an extraordinary gift for helping others. Earnestine was also blessed with the gift of writing. Earnestine attended Crestwood High School where she received numerous awards for academic achievement. She was honored as Salutatorian of her graduating class of 1961 and was awarded a State Teachers' Scholarship to attend Norfolk State University. She matriculated from Norfolk State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in English Education. Earnestine was joined in Holy Matrimony to Eugene Spires on July 20, 1963. To this union was born four children: Anita, Michael, Valerie, and Christopher. Earnestine was brought up in the Church of God in Christ where she was active as YPWW Chairlady, Sunday School and Sunshine Band Teacher and Usher Board Member. She was also a Licensed Missionary. After relocating to Griffin Georgia, Earnestine became a member of Mount Olive Outreach Ministries Church where she was re-baptized as an expression of her deep religious conviction. Although Earnestine was very active in church affairs, she never neglected her home. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Earnestine was preceded in death by her husband; Elder Eugene Spires; oldest daughter, Anita Marie Spires Goodman; and youngest son, Christopher Spires . She leaves to cherish her memories: (1) son: Michael Spires (1) daughter: Valarie Spires Hendricks (Daryl); (2) Brothers; Dr. Robert Ward, (Mary) & Pastor Dr. I.L. Ward Sr. (Barbara); (1) sister: Doris Theresa Ward Benson (Louis); Uncle James Ward (Mary); Sisters-in-Law, Victoria Moore, Lillie Mae Barnes, Annie Lee Brewer & Pastor Irene Trent and Brother-in-Law, Arthur Lee Spires; (16) grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain."

Submitted in Praise to God,  
The Family

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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## Service

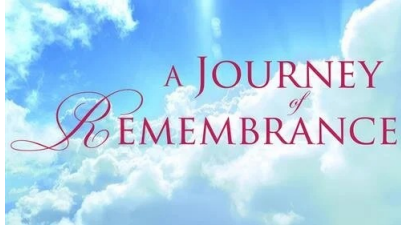
OCT 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Faith COGIC  
2020 Portlock Road  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Earnestine Spires



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 30, 2014 at 03:24 PM

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“ My dear friend, I will always cherish your beautiful memory and the wonderful person you were. I will always love you.  
Margie D. McCoy

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**Margie McCoy** - October 05, 2014 at 06:49 AM

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“ Katrina Chase, Executive Secretary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earnestine Spires.



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**Katrina Chase, Executive Secretary** - September 30, 2014 at 03:58 PM



“ Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Earnestine Spires.



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September 29, 2014 at 07:42 PM