

*The Homegoing Celebration*  
*for*  
***James Albert Robinson***

**November 7, 1923 – January 15, 2020**



***Tuesday, January 28, 2020***

**Viewing: 10:00 a.m.**

**Service: 11:00 a.m.**

***From the Heart Church Ministries®***  
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Suitland, MD 20746  
*Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor*



# Obituary

On November 7, 1923, James Albert Robinson was born to Annie May and Oliver Robinson in Washington, DC. In March 1943, during WWII, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 2nd Cavalry Division (also known as the Buffalo Soldiers) in Fort Clark, Texas. He quickly rose to the rank of sergeant where he oversaw 15 men and horses, and a 75mm field howitzer, which could be broken down into several pieces to be carried by the horses. His army service ended in November 1943, when he was kicked in the knee by his horse, was honorably discharged, and subsequently sent home to Washington to recover. A few months later, James learned that the men under his command were sent to fight overseas and were all lost in combat. To this day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division remains the only all-African American cavalry in the U.S. Army's history, and the largest all horse-mounted unit ever to serve in Texas.

While working fulltime, James attended Cardoza High School at night to complete his high school education, and then immediately enrolled in Howard University to pursue his first love—music. He sang with the Howard University Concert Choir; and was awarded the Key to the Choir. In 1953, he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree from the Howard University School of Music. He was an accomplished baritone soloist, accompanist, and director of choral music. James taught voice lessons privately and assisted in teaching courses in music at the Religious Education Institute at Shiloh Baptist Church. The demand for his training eventually resulted in the successful presentation of a series of studies in elementary theory designed specifically for lay members of church choirs.

James volunteered his considerable musical talent to help develop choirs at Hemingway Methodist Church, Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, and Shiloh Baptist Church. He also faithfully served as Head of the Vocal Department at the Back to Basics Music Academy for more than 20 years. In this capacity, he trained and mentored teachers and provided instruction to countless students. He was an avid advocate, teacher, and group facilitator of God's Plan for Music biblical sessions at the Academy.

James retired several years ago from the federal government, where he worked as a press operator at the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the U.S. Department of Navy. While at the Bureau, he met and married Sara Frances Gilmore on September 1, 1951. From this union two children were born. The couple was blessed with nearly 66 years of marriage until the passing of his beloved wife in August of 2017. James and his wife joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1997; where he served in the Seniors Ministry. They both remained faithful members of the church until the Lord called them home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

James leaves to cherish his memory his two children, Alisa and Bruce; grandsons: Derek, Bruce Jr., Stephen, and Carlton; 12 great grandchildren; a great-great granddaughter; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was forever grateful to God for his From the Heart Church Ministries, and Back to Basics Music Academy families.





# Order of Service

**Invocation**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... “Blessed Assurance”

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament: Psalm 96*  
*New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection** ..... *FTH Men’s Choir*

**Acknowledgements**

*Reverend Linda Matthews*  
*Mr. Bruce Robinson, Jr.*  
*Dr. Rodney Ellis*  
*Stephen Williams*

**Obituary (Read Silently)**

**Song of Preparation** ..... *FTH Men’s Choir*

**Message of Hope** ..... *Pastor John A. Cherry, II*

**Call to Christ**

**Recessional**

**Interment:**  
*Fort Lincoln Cemetery*  
*Brentwood, Maryland*





## **Congregational Hymn**

### **Blessed Assurance**

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

#### **Refrain:**

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

#### **Refrain**

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

#### **Refrain**



## **ROAD TO ETERNITY**

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet Eternity.*

*We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know,  
For some, the journey's quicker,  
For some, the journey's slow.*

*But when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.*

## **PALLBEARERS**

*FTH Men's Fellowship*

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

*Family and Friends*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*The family of James Albert Robinson,  
acknowledges with deep appreciation every  
act of kindness shown to us during our time  
of bereavement. May God richly bless you;  
we love you all!*

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