



**Pallbearers**

Mr. Harold Atkins	Mr. Matthew Fogg
Mr. Wesley Jarmon	Hon. Lamonte Johnson
Mr. Steven Patterson	Hon. Gerald Reed

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Dr. Hezekiah Braxton	Hon. Julius Crouch
Hon. Oscar Eason	Hon. Gregory Reeves
Mr. Leonard Stone	Hon. Thomas Walton
Mr. James Wilson	Members of BIG

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So he put his arms around you and whispered,  
"Come with me."*

*With tear filled eyes, we watched her slowly fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay.  
A gentle heart stopped beating.  
Hard working hands put to rest.  
God broke our hearts to let us know  
"He only takes the Best".*

**Acknowledgement**

The family of Rubye Fields expresses profound gratitude for all acts of kindness and expressions of concern. While we wish to express this personally, the press of the moment makes it difficult for us to do so. Please know that at a more appropriate opportunity we will share with you all. For now, please accept our heartfelt thanks and join us in celebrating the remarkable life of our mother and grandmother.

**Arrangements Entrusted to LATNEY FUNERAL HOME**  
3831 Georgia Ave NW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20011  
202-882-2455

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**Interment**

Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, Virginia 22211  
1-877-907-8585

Friday, December 23, 2011                      2:00 P.M.

*Celebrating the Life  
Of  
The Honorable Rubye Smith  
Fields*



**August 25, 1923 to December 8, 2011**

**Homegoing Services**

**Thursday, December 22, 2011**

**Viewing ~ 9:00 A.M.    Service ~ 12:00 P.M.**

**Jericho City of Praise**

**8501 Jericho City & Bishop Peebles Drives  
Landover, Maryland 20785**

**The Late Apostle Betty Peoples, Co-Founder**

**Elder Joel R. Peebles, Sr., Pastor**

**Reverend Jimmie Givens, Shiloh Baptist Church,  
Officiating**

### *In Loving Memory*

The harps were strumming, the trumpets were sounding, and the doves were flying as the angels came and guided *Rubye Smith Fields* to her home above for eternal rest during the afternoon of December 8, 2011 after a lengthy illness.

The late William Morgan Smith and Lela Ann Bracy Smith rejoiced at the birth of their baby girl Rubye Evelyn Smith. Rubye was born August 25, 1923 in Columbia, SC and accepted Christ at an early age.

Rubye attended and graduated from the public school system of Dayton, Ohio. Rubye embraced her thirst for knowledge and excellence by attending Bennett College in North Carolina. Upon Rubye's return to Dayton, Ohio she furthered her education at the University of Dayton.

Rubye met and was married for over 50 years to the late Lt Col John Arthur Fields, a close friend from her earliest days. From this union a handsome son, Jeffery Smith Fields, was born.

Throughout her career, Rubye worked at a number of interesting jobs, including one with Simplicity patterns. Following her relocation to the Washington, DC area, Rubye was employed in the Federal Poverty Program under the late Sargent Shriver. Rubye worked in the legislative field in the then Department of Health, Education and Welfare (now the Department of Health and Human Services) and retired from the Department of Health Services Administration located in the Parklawn building, Rockville, MD.

While employed at the Parklawn building, Rubye was one of the founding members of an ad hoc group of high-grade employees which was the beginning of the umbrella organizations later known as "Blacks In Government" (BIG). This advocacy group was formally incorporated in 1976 in Washington, DC and became Rubye's lifelong passion. Rubye served as its National President from 1987 through 1990. As National President, she obtained recognition and respect for the organization, restored financial solvency to the organization and purchased its first headquarters in Washington, D.C. Following her tenure as a National officer, she continued to serve the organization she loved at the chapter and regional levels. Her dedication to BIG knew no limits. In 2010, Rubye was elected to BIG's Distinguished Hall of Fame.

Rubye loved people and people of all ages loved her. She was generous, giving and always available to listen and to help.

She leaves behind those of us who cherish and honor her memory: her beloved son Jeffery and daughter-in-law Amy, (Fort Washington, MD); grandchildren, John P. and Katherine R. Fields; devoted nieces Letitia A. Winfield (Silver Spring, MD) and Jannie Fields Morton (Columbia, SC) and nephew Steven Patterson (Dayton, Ohio); and numerous other family and friends.

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Wisdom 4:7-15

### **Order of Service**

#### **Officiant, Reverend Jimmie Givens**

**Musical Selection** *Amazing Grace* - Christopher Tate

**Processional\*** Clergy & Family

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**Congressional Hymn** *How Great Thou Art*

**Scripture Readings** Old Testament ~ Psalm 23 – Mr. Jeffrey Fields  
New Testament ~ St. John 14:1-6 – Ms. Letitia A. Winfield

**Prayer of Comfort** Rev. Calvin Hodnett

**Solo** *It Is Well With My Soul* - Mr. Earl Simmons

**Tributes** The Honorable Ramona McCarthy-Hawkins, Founder, Blacks In Government

Ms. Hazel Hays, Founder of Region VI, Blacks In Government

Dr. Contress Braxton, Past President, Parklawn Chapter, Blacks In Government

Mr. Matthew Fogg, National Vice President for Congressional Relations. Federal Employed Women

Mr. J. David Reeves, National President, Blacks In Government

**Selection** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**Acknowledgements** Lorraine Townsend, Washington Navy Yard Chapter, Blacks In Government

Silent Reading of the Obituary

**Solo** *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* - Ms. Sandra Glenn

**Eulogy** Rev. Dr. Theresa Bannister-Scott  
Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
Temple Hills, Maryland

**Recessional\*** *Old Rugged Cross*

\*Congregation Please Stand\*