

# <u>Obituary</u>

This is the life of an amazing, courageous, extraordinary woman. **Eloise Caldwell** was born September 20, 1943 in Estill, South Carolina to the late John Early and Mary McTeare Early. Eloise is the ninth child of eleven brothers and sisters. After the death of her mother at age twelve, Eloise was raised by her sister, Laura Brown and her late brother-in-law, Raymond Brown.

Eloise began her education in Estill, South Carolina but finished in Newark, NJ. Eloise was baptized at age thirteen at New Zion Church under the leadership of Reverend Gordon. She became a member of Iselin Community Church under the leadership of Elder Arthur L. Jenkins. Due to the traveling inconvenience, she began to attend New Zion Revival Temple, where she remained until her passing.

Eloise was married to the late Leon Caldwell and of this union two children were born; Janet Caldwell Ward (Burlington NJ) and Beverly Caldwell (Somerset NJ). Eloise then formed a union with the late Joseph Hollie and of this union three children were born, all of Newark NJ; Tyrone Caldwell, Belinda Yvette Caldwell, and Zakiyah Caldwell-Hollie. Eloise was always devoted to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, whom she always loved and adored. She was a mother to many and a friend to countless others. Eloise was a kindhearted person and gave her all to everyone she came across. Her door was always open to everyone in need and no stomach ever went unfed. With her infectious smile and vibrant personality, the mark that she has left on this world is undeniable.

Eloise leaves behind: her five children, thirteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren; and a host of niece, nephews and cousins. She also leaves behind a son-in-law, Chuck Ward; five siblings, Mable Allen (Barnesville, SC), Laura Brown (Perth Amboy NJ), Irene Carr (Riverdale, GA), Ruby Washington (St. Augustine FL), and Annie Early (Edison NJ). She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Eloise made her transition to be with her Lord and Savior on October 25, 2010 at 10:08 p.m. Her life's journey has now come to an end and her eternal life now begins.

#### Memories of Eloise Caldwell

Due to the untimely death of Eloise Caldwell, she leaves all our hearts heavy. Knowing her was a privilege everyone should have experienced. She will forever be missed and never forgotten. Rest In Peace our beautiful ANGEL. Until we meet again our memories of you will guide us through.

# Order of Service

| Processional                                  | Clergy and Family            |
|---|------------------------------|
| Prayer  | Deacon Harold Harmon         |
| Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament |                              |
| Song  | Brian Gibbs                  |
| Obituary                                      | Nikkisha Mercado             |
| Poem  | Belinda Caldwell             |
| Acknowledgements                              | (2 minutes)                  |
| Letter to Mom                                 | Zakiyah Caldwell             |
| Praise Dance                                  | Talia Woods                  |
| Eulogy  | Bishop Arthur L. Jenkins Sr. |
| Last Words                                    | Tyrone Caldwell              |
| Viewing                                       |                              |
| Recessional                                   |                              |

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

## **Pall Bearers**

Chuck Ward Tyriek Stokes
Keith Thomas Rajahn Id-Deen
Joel Samm Gerrod Suber

# A Nice Thought

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep, If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more. If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, Iwould video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day. If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I Love You", instead of assuming you would KNOW I do. If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away. For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right. There will always be another day to say our "I love you's", And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?" But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope you never forget, Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight. So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish. So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear,Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay". And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have NO regrets about today.



### Acknowledgement

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