

Homegoing Service

for

Sunrise

November 17, 1920

Sunset

November 4, 2010

Elizabeth Marie Fowlks

"Betty"

Service

Friday, November 12, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

NORTH STELTON A.M.E. CHURCH

123 Craig Drive • Piscataway, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders, Sr., Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens, Officiating

Obituary

Elizabeth Marie Vaughan was born on November 17, 1920 in Newark, New Jersey. Elizabeth was the daughter of the late Olivia Woody-Vaughan and Heaver David Vaughan. Additionally, she was predeceased by two sisters Margaret Vaughan who past in March 1950 and Fayette Olivia Vaughan-Ellis who passed on October 2, 2008, and one brother Fredrick “Freddie” D. Vaughan who passed on March 2, 1996. Elizabeth was educated in the Cranford Public School system and later attended St. Phillips School of Nursing in Richmond, Virginia, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Elizabeth practiced nursing for over forty years; she worked at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey for twenty-seven years. She served as a Supervising Nurse at Cranford Health and Extended Care Center in Cranford, New Jersey, where she retired in 1985.

Elizabeth, affectionately known as “Betty” was joined in holy matrimony to John Fowlks on July 17, 1943. This union was blessed with five children, John, Carole, Gary, Alicia and Robert. The couple lived in Elizabeth, New Jersey and eventually purchased a home in Newark, New Jersey; in 1967 the family relocated to Metuchen, New Jersey.

Betty enjoyed many hobbies such as collecting bells and playing piano, but, poetry, gardening, and photography were her most beloved. Betty was blessed with the talent of leadership, whether large or small Betty ensured every event was handled with perfection. To her family, she was most known for her passionate coordination of the annual Woody/Tate Family reunions.

Family was at the center of Betty’s life, not only did she and her husband raise five beautiful children together she was a proud grandmother to sixteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Betty truly enjoyed her grandchildren to the fullest, she could always be found shopping, vacationing, playing piano, and singing with her family members. Education was one of her core values, she would never hesitate to take time to sit down at the table with them and go over a lesson.

Betty was a strong advocate who immersed her talents into her community. She was one of the founders of the Neighboretts social organization in Newark, New Jersey and later the Ebonettes in Metuchen, New Jersey. She was a member of the Metuchen/Edison chapter of the NAACP, Black Voices of Metuchen and was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission by the Mayor of Metuchen, New Jersey. Through her efforts within the Civil Rights Commission, a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King was placed in front of the Metuchen Library.

Betty loved the Lord and was a diligent steward; she taught Sunday school and especially enjoyed being a member of the church choir. She joined North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey in 1980 where she was a dedicated member of the Mass Choir, Stewardess Board Number Two, and President of the Angelic Choir.

Elizabeth Marie Vaughan Fowlks departed this life on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park, New Jersey after a long endearment with Alzheimer’s disease.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Fowlks and a son, Robert Fowlks. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, John Fowlks (Hattie), Carole Fowlks-Watkins, Gary Fowlks (Leila) and Alicia Fowlks Holliday (Robert); grandchildren, John, Marcia, Jodi, Edward, Jason, Damon, Jon, Jennifer, Veronica, Robert II, Anthony, Chelsea, Jared, Avery, Nijewel and Amiel; great-grandchildren, Nashierra, Azmuneer, Damon, Jr., Jayden, Naiel, Niara, Dylan, Bryce, Cole, Corynne, Kylie, Khloe, Ammar and PJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order Of Service

- Musical Prelude Bro. Michael Westbrooks
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Musical Selection Michael Westbrook
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens
- Scriptures
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - Revelations 21:1-7
- Solo “Precious Lord” - Sis. Warleen Allston
- Tribute to Grandmommy John Fowlks
Jared Holliday
Chelsea Holliday
Robert Holliday II
Marcia McCalla
- Acknowledgement of Condolences Rev. Mozelle Fleming
- Reading of Obituary Viveca Rosser
- Musical Selection “Goin’ Up Yonder” - North Stelton A.M.E. Choir
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens – Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church • Metuchen, NJ
- Recessional

Entombment
Clover Leaf Memorial Park
Woodbridge, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:
G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC
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Her Journey's Just Begun

Her journey's just begun
Don't think of
her as gone away,
her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets,

this earth is only one
Just think of her as resting,
from sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
where there are no days and years,
Think how she must be wishing,
that we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness,
can really pass away,
And think of her as living,
in hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
and she was loved so much

-Author Unknown

Pall Bearers (Grandsons)

John Fowlks	Edward Watkins
Damon Fowlks	Jason Fowlks
Robert Holliday II	Jared Holliday
Avery Holliday	

Acknowledgement

The family of **Elizabeth Fowlks** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

The Family