

*In Loving Memory of*



*Earline Hollingsworth*

*Sunrise*  
*July 4, 1913*

*Sunset*  
*January 11, 2012*

*Service*  
*Thursday, January 19, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

114-26 Mexico Street • St. Albans, NY 11412

*Rev. Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison, Officiating*  
*Johnnie Mae Lindsay, Organist*

## *The Obituary*

**Earline Hollingsworth** was born in Ladson, SC to Rev. George Washington Garvin and Mary Garvin, on July 4, 1913. She was the eleventh of twelve children and she was proud of being born on the 4th of July. She attended school in Ladson until her father died in 1924. A few months later, her brother William arranged for his mother and the six youngest children to come live in NYC. They sailed from Charleston, South Carolina to NY in early 1925. Earline and her siblings were enrolled in the NYC public schools and they joined Salem Methodist Church.

Because she was very smart and a natural leader, her mother would entrust her with the shopping and paying of the family bills. As she got older, she wanted to go with her sisters to the Savoy or Renaissance Ballroom on Sunday afternoon. One Sunday, her younger sister Marie (Maddie) introduced her to her future husband, Burvin Hollingsworth. They were married February 5, 1931 at the Municipal Building. To this union five children were born. Earline and Burvin were happily married until his death in February of 1968. Their sons, Burvin Jr., Ronald and William, preceded her in death.

Earline was very involved in the schools her children attended and served as the PTA President, and was also an officer in the United Parent Teachers Association. The family moved to Queens in June of 1958 and joined Resurrection Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday school and was the Assistant Sunday School superintendent under Carl Lee. She was also a dedicated member of the Altar Guild for many years. She was employed as a School Aide at Andrew Jackson High School until she was called to work for the City of New York, for Housing and later the Agency for Child Development from which she retired in July of 1978.

During her employment with the city, she went back to school, got her G.E.D. and went to Manhattan College and the College of New Rochelle from which she graduated with a B.A. in June of 1974. Her family members were very proud of her determination to get a College degree.

In early 1960's, Earline and Burvin welcomed several foster children into the family. She called them children of the heart and they remain her children to this day. For most of her ninety-eight years, she enjoyed good health until 2009 when she had Osteomyelitis. She slowly began not eating well and virtually stopped eating a few weeks before being taken to the Hospital, from where she went to eternal rest, joining her husband, sons, brothers and sisters in Heaven.

She leaves to mourn: her daughters, Sandra Hollingsworth and Jerilynn Smart; the children of her heart, Deniece Jordan, John Covington and Edward Flournoy; twenty grandchildren (two others preceded her in death); thirty-six great grandchildren and thirteen great great grands; one son-in-law, one goddaughter, nieces, nephews, cousins, and her first cousin, Thelma Jenkins, the last of the original Garvin's.

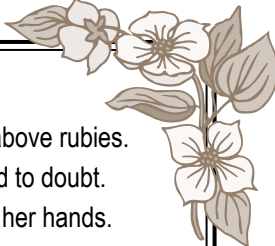
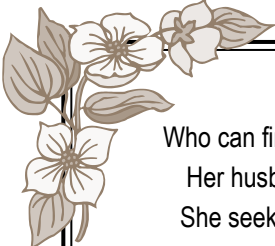
*~ Respectfully submitted the Family ~*

# Order of Service

Opening Prayer .....	Pastor Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison
Processional ..... <i>“How Great Thou Art”</i> .....	LBW 523
Prayer of Comfort .....	Pastor Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison
Scripture Reading ... Psalm 121 .....	Deacon Betty Cole
Hymn ..... <i>“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”</i> .....	TFBF 253
Holy Gospel .....	Pastor Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison
Eulogy .....	Pastor Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison
Hymn ..... <i>“When Peace Like A River”</i> .....	TFBF 194
Acknowledgement .....	Nina E. Nesbitt
Reading of the Obituary .....	Troy L. H. Smart
Musical Selection ... <i>“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”</i> .....	Ashley M. Jordan
Apostles’ Creed ..... <i>TFBF pg. 35</i> .....	Deacon Betty Cole
The Prayers: .....	Deacon Betty Cole
The Lord’s Prayer .....	Pastor Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison
Commendation .....	Pastor Marcia E. Parkinson-Harrison
Recessional Hymn ..... <i>“Soon And Very Soon”</i> .....	TFBF 138

## **Interment**

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Kew Gardens, New York



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Her husband trusts her completely; he has no need to doubt.

She seeks wool, and flax, and works diligently with her hands.

She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms.

She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She stretches out her hand to the poor; yes,

she reaches forth her hands to the needy.

Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom: and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looks well to the ways of her household, and eats not the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but you exceed them all.

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain:

but a woman that fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

*(Adapted from Proverbs Chapter 31)*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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