

*A Celebration of Life for  
Eloise (Canada) Dargan*

**Sunrise**  
September 14, 1921

**Sunset**  
December 1, 2012



## *Reflections of Life*

**Eloise (Canada) Williams Dargan** was born in Richland, Georgia on September 14, 1921. She was raised by her single mother, Nancy Lee Canada (Eberhardt) and their adoring family who nicknamed Eloise “Bunny” and “Monkey Tail”. When Eloise and her family left Georgia, she resided in Trenton, NJ and Brooklyn, NY, where she graduated from Girls High School. From her marriage to Otis Howard Williams, Eloise had two children: Gilbert Orlando and Valerie Denise. Subsequent to Otis’ death, Eloise married Joseph Mack Dargan, who in later years, legally adopted both of the children.. having raised them as his own from their youth through adulthood.

Eloise’s working years included clerkships at American Safety Razor and positions as clerk and bookkeeper for the Safeway Food Store Chain. Eloise also had an interest in aesthetics, leading her to complete certificate programs in cosmetology and interior decorating. She also worked in the jewelry industry, enjoying a long association with the company of Lu Willard. Eloise attended travel agency training programs, studied the craft of beading, and earned real estate licenses in the states of New York and New Jersey. Eloise’s multiple talents also included pattern-making and sewing beautiful garments for her family. Other hobbies included knitting and all varieties of needlework, solving word puzzles, and shopping.

“Bunny/Monkey Tail” was well adored by her extensive network of relatives and friends but answered more readily to “Ellie”. Her magnetism attracted the young and the old, male and female, seasoned friends and new acquaintances. Ellie was endowed with a teasing sense of humor; a charming, ready smile; and an unbridled tendency toward generosity. She loved her friends and enjoyed traveling, partying, intimate gatherings and confidential conversations in her kitchen-the heart of her home. Entertaining was her favorite way to enjoy her home with her family and friends. The lavish parties and sumptuous dinners became legendary as they were chronicled in the popular press. Ellie was a down-to-earth southern girl with a twinkle of glamour that “knocked them dead” and maintained her family’s pride. However, she avoided “diva-tude”, preferring charity and beneficence, demonstrated through her long-term dedication to the work of the New York Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc. to enhance the lives of deserving children and their families. As a Christian woman, she strongly encouraged and supported her own family in activities that assisted anyone with special needs.

Eloise was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Mack Dargan and her grandson, Gilbert Joseph Thomas Williams.

Eloise was a rare gem, faceted by God’s grace. She will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered. Mourning her death are her son, Gilbert Orlando Williams; daughter-in-law, Barbara Jackson Williams along with her daughter, Valerie Williams Dargan, PhD. Also in mourning is a throng of cousins, godchildren, dear friends and neighbors who cherish their earthly walk with Eloise while wishing her a peaceful rest and triumphant resurrection. Thanks be to God, the Father; God the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit!

*~ Respectfully and prayerfully submitted by the Family ~*

# Order of Service

Friday, December 7, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

## MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

260 Central Avenue • Hackensack, New Jersey

*Rev. Gregory J. Jackson, Officiating*

Organ Prelude .....	Elder Terence Kitchings
Invocation .....	Rev. Gregory J. Jackson
Hymn of Assurance .....	#27 - <i>“Blessed Assurance”</i>
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament - Proverbs 31:10-31 .....	Barbara J. Williams
New Testament - Colossians 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.....	Constance James
Musical Selection .....	Elder Terence Kitchings
Prayer of Comfort & Healing .....	Rev. Joseph McGauley, III
Musical Selection .....	Rev. Joseph McGauley, III - <i>“Going Up Yonder”</i>
The Acknowledgements .....	Iris Graham Hubbard
Words of Comfort and Remembrance .....	Friends & Family
Musical Selection .....	Karen McGauley Surret - <i>“Unforgettable”</i>
Reflections of Life .....	Kamara James Blackman
Musical Selection .....	<i>“Precious Lord”</i> Elder Terence Kitchings
Eulogy .....	Rev. Gregory J. Jackson
Recessional .....	<i>“When We All Get To Heaven”</i>
Interment.....	Cedar Lawn Cemetery • Paterson, New Jersey

*The family will receive guests in the JD Perry Fellowship Hall  
immediately following the interment service.*

# *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Eloise (Canada) Dargan** 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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