

<u>Obituary</u>

Merdella (Ella) Watson was born on June 29, 1933 in Roehampton, St. James, Jamaica to Rosella Robinson and Alexander Watson. She was called home on December 18, 2012.

Known to many as Merdy or Ella, Merdella's life can be measured by three significant phases. The first phase of her life began in Roehampton, a district of Anchovy, near Montego Bay, Jamaica. She lived there with her mother and eight siblings and attended the Roehampton Primary School. Leaving her two children, Patrick and Marna in the loving care of their grandmother, Rose, Ella traveled in search of better opportunities. In her mid twenties, she followed her big sister, Merito (Maggie) Grant, and migrated to Preston, England to begin the second phase of her life.

She lived in England until 1975. During her time in England, she met Ephram Jobson. They later became the proud parents of two children, Carl and Elaine. On November 5, 1975, with her two youngest children in tow, she once again, followed her big sister and moved to the United States to begin her final phase. Each phase of Ella's life was triggered by her desire to improve herself. She moved to two different continents in search of a better life for her family. This is evidence of her tenacity and bravery.

Ella lived in New Jersey's Oranges for thirty-seven years. Most of her professional life was spent in the medical field. In England, she was a Practical Nurse and in America, she worked for more than twenty years as a Private Duty Nurse's Aide. Ella's passions included reading, classic movies and writing. She authored one book under the pen name Charlee McKoy.

Ella is survived by three of her four children. Her oldest daughter, Marna (Jean) Davy resides in Corona, CA; her son, Carl (Jobson) Rock resides in Preston, Lancashire, England and her youngest daughter, Carone Elaine Meredith resides with her husband, in Lakewood, NJ. She also leaves six grandchildren, (Kirt, Vivian, Orrette, Arancxa, Carla and Adrian), four great grandchildren, (Russell, Kaiden, Amarna and Ellana) and seven siblings, (Marty, Lloyd, Evord, Jimmy, Derrick, Ben and Carmen) and scores of other relatives and friends.

Ella devoted her life to care for her children and others. If you were fortunate to have met her, then you will consider her a friend. She will be truly missed.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude...... Prof. Jerry C. Williams Hymn "Lead Me Home Gentle Father" Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalms 91 New Testament Prayer of Comfort Selection Acknowledgements Reflections of Life Elaine Meredith Remarks Eulogy...... Rev. Malachia Brantley, M.Div Shiloh Baptist Church Newark, NJ

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Crematory Hillside, New Jersey

Immediately following the cremation, family and friends are invited to attend the repast at the following address:

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Pralm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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