

In Loving Memory of



Frances (née Manns) Elbeck

Sunrise

January 27, 1927

Sunset

August 6, 2013

Service

Saturday, August 10, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

539 Trinity Place • Westfield, NJ 07090

Obituary for Frances Elbeck

Mrs. Frances (née Manns) Elbeck was born on January 27, 1927 in King and Queen County, Virginia where she attended public schools. Frances moved to New Jersey in 1944. She worked for Blue Ribbon Cleaners in Garwood, New Jersey for two years. Next, she worked at the Westfield Sweet Shop.

Frances joined Bethel Baptist Church in 1945, the same year she met her future husband, the late Henry Elbeck who predeceased her on November 15, 2007. They were married at Bethel on October 19, 1947. They moved to Westfield, New Jersey in 1950. From this union, three children were born: Irvin Preston (deceased 1951), Henry Maurice and Denise Francine. Frances spent the rest of her working life at RCA as a lab technician from 1958 to 1988 when she retired.

Frances volunteered for the United Way and as a recording secretary at Westfield High School. She was an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church belonging to the choir, as an officer in the Sunday School, and as a member of the Women's Fellowship and the Kitchen Committee. She also liked to cook and visit the sick and shut-ins. Hobbies included traveling, crocheting, bowling, flower gardening, reading and playing pinochle.

Memories of Frances' life will be cherished by her son, Henry Maurice and daughter-in-law, Dorothy Elbeck of Hillsborough, New Jersey; daughter, Denise Francine and son-in-law, Leland S. McGee of Scotch Plains, New Jersey; her beloved granddaughter, Delia McGee; sister-in-law, Hermene Hale of Baltimore, MD, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude Organist

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Congregational Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Consolation Rev. Dr. Kelmo Porter, Jr.
Senior Pastor of St. John’s Baptist Church
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-12.....Deacon Charles Whitehead

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Leland S. McGee

Solo: “If I Can Help Somebody” Rev. Gloria German

Acknowledgements.....Dorothy L. Elbeck

Remarks Denise F. Elbeck

Solo: “Way Over Yonder”.....Lottie Porch

Obituary.....Delia Elbeck McGee

Solo: “Beams of Heaven”.....Rev. Gloria German

The Eulogy Rev. Dr. Julia M. Presley
Associate Minister, First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens
Somerset, New Jersey

Benediction

Recessional.....“Let The Church Say Amen”

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Westfield, New Jersey

Repast to follow Interment at Bethel Baptist Church.



“GOD’S GARDEN”

God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your precious face

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest;
God’s garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew you’d never ever
Get well on Earth again.

So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, “Peace be thine”
Then He took you up to heaven
With hands so gentle and kind.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God welcomed you home.

A Note of Thanks

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them during the illness, and since the passing, of their beloved Frances Elbeck. Words can never express their deep sense of gratitude.

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