

In Loving Memory of



Mrs. Elnora S. Lowell

Sunrise
September 1, 1918

Sunset
May 11, 2014

Service

Friday, May 16, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Eastward Missionary Baptist Church

2011 First Avenue • New York, NY 10029

Rev. Dr. Sean P. Gardner, Sr., Senior Pastor

Obituary

Mrs. Elnora Howell (known as Mama) was the youngest child of four sisters. She was born on September 1, 1918 in Palmer Springs, Virginia to the late Mrs. Lizzie Russell and Mr. Henry Russell. She was educated and baptized in Palmer Springs, Virginia.

Elnora met Synder Howell and they were married. They had nine children two boys and seven girls. She was a very devoted and loving mother to her family, her grands, and her extended family. She gave them unconditional love no matter what situation they found themselves in. If you wanted to know the truth about anything or any situation, ask "Mama" she would tell you.

Elnora moved to New York City and joined St. Andrew Baptist Church. Elnora loved "The Lord" and was a very spiritual woman. She was very faithful in reading and understanding the Bible. Her grandson, Dennis recalls the only book he ever saw his grandmother read was the "Bible". One of her favorites sayings was "All I need is the Lord" and she truly had that faith. God kept her for 95 years in her sound mind, up until three days before he called her home.

Elnora was employed with Roosevelt Hospital and worked as a dietician. After retirement, she worked as a part time secretary in a doctor's office.

Elnora was a very talented woman. She cooked and baked. Some of her specialties were coconut & chocolate cakes, sweet potato pie, baked chicken with her special gravy that she would always prepare when she knew her grandson, Michael was coming for dinner. She cooked her last family dinner on Wednesday, December 25, 2013. She also was an extraordinary seamstress. She sewed for herself and her daughters for many, many years.

In the year of 2012, Elnora's health began to deteriorate. She was in and out of the hospital which was the beginning of a long road she fought. She was truly blessed with her oldest daughter and best friend, "Dorothy" and grandson, "Dennis" who were her primary caretakers. On Mother's Day, May 11, 2014 the Lord said no more suffering for my daughter and called her home. Elnora fought to stay with her family for one more Mother's Day. She was surrounded with her loving family.

Elnora was preceded in death by Synder Howell (her husband), her parents, Lizzie & Henry Russell, her oldest son, Dennis Curtis Howell, her two daughters, Elnora Howell & Linda Bailey, her grandson, Percy Logan, Jr., her three sisters, Lou Ellen Howell, Annie Boney, and Martha Talley.

Elnora leaves to cherish her memory: her five daughters and one son, Dorothy Williams (devoted caretaker), Mary Bergland, Lisa Howell, Rosa Alston, Sheila Howell (Cookie), Synder Howell; one daughter-in-law, Annie Anderson; two sons-in-law, Jimmy Bergland, James Alston; her grandchildren, Dennis Harrison (devoted caretaker who she raised), Naseka Duncan, Michael Kelly, Taylor Reid, Bernard Bailey, Elnora Smalls, Diane McClennon, Roslyn Herrera, Robin George, Rochelle Boney, Roland Boney, Robert Boney, Janet Alston, Jerald Alston, Jamesa Alston; and a host of great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and many loving friends including Glenn Reid who she loved as her son-in-law.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6.....Sis. Amber Ordonez (great granddaughter)

New Testament - Thessalonians 4:13-1.....Sis. Aneisha Scott (great granddaughter)

Prayer of ComfortSis. Diane McClennon (granddaughter)
Restored Unto Holiness – Undenominational
Bronx, NY

Solo.....Sis. Niya McFadden (great granddaughter)

Special Tribute.....Grandson Dennis Harrisson
Grandson Michael Kelly

Reflections.....(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgment of Cards.....Sis. Madison Duncan (great granddaughter)

Selection.....Sis. LaTasha Jordan

Reading of the Obituary..... Sis. Taylor Reid (granddaughter)

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Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Sean P. Gardner, Sr.
Eastward Missionary Baptist Church, NYC

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Mount Hope Cemetery
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Repast

324 E. 108th Street – between 1st and 2nd Avenue
New York, NY
Recreation Room (Street Level)

To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

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The family of **Mrs. Elnora Howell** wishes to thank those who offered many words of comfort, expressions of love and prayers during their time of grief. The family would also like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at The Shirley Goodman And Himan Brown Facility.

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