



In Loving Memory of



Doris Marie Ellison

"Beloved Champion"

Sunrise
October 2, 1952

Sunset
August 2, 2014

Service

Saturday, August 9, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Diane Burnett, Officiating



Obituary

Doris Marie Ellison was born October 2, 1952. She was the eldest of six children born to the late Loniza Ellison Sr. and Thelma Ellison. Her parents and loving sister, Carolyn preceded her in death.

At an early age, *Doris* was baptized at Queen of Angels, where she also attended school during her elementary years. There after she went on to become a “Blue Devil” at Central High School in Newark, NJ. Determined to start her career, she worked at New Jersey Bell and then went on to Kempers Insurance Company where she was promoted as Supervisor. After many years of service, she retired.

Doris met Delano Thomas Smallwood in Newark, NJ where they conceived three beautiful children, Angela Ellison-Butler, Deshawn Ellison, and Gail Ellison (deceased). Life was not always easy for her, but her children were never in need.

Doris always said family was important to her, and although she was very private; her heart was filled with love for her family. When she smiled it was beautiful and when she didn't.... that was another story. She insisted on wearing her Avon Cherry Jubilee Lipstick and with her “no nonsense” attitude it fit her perfectly.

Upon moving to Brooklyn, New York, *Doris* met her soul mate and fiancé Preston Byrd. She was also elected member of the Loins Club International Brooklyn Transition. *Doris* accepted Jesus Christ at Saint James AME under her Christian Experience where the song “A Sinner’s Prayer” became her spiritual anchor.

As a loving mom, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend *Doris* cherished loyalty and family. She loved

to visit her Trenton family, and she loved her some “Jaybird”. She also liked to visit dear friend, Yolanda Collier, whose ear was always available. She adored her granddaughter “Jazzy”, to her she could never do any wrong. She loved her brothers and had a sisterly bond like no other. She was so proud of her nieces, Al-Nisa, Felicia, Jameelah, Jeanine, Adrienne, Simone and Ashia; and although she would shake her head and say, “they are something else” she loved her nephews, Chris, Shawn, Bill and Ty’rek.

Doris was a finger-popping, sassy woman who had courage and a tenacious spirit. She battled multiple times with health issues, getting knocked down but never knocked out. With courage, faith, strength, and hope, she was a true champion, a fighter who never gave up, throughout many storms and struggles.

Doris’ life reflects what it looks like to live, love, fail, and start again. On Saturday, August 2, 2014, God placed His hand unto hers and told her she did not have to fight any longer, for she had gained a rightful position in the Kingdom of Heaven.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory to her beloved children, Angela (Kenneth), Deshawn, Gail (deceased), and step-son, George (Shareef) Ealy; sister, Carolyn (deceased); brothers, Lonzia Jr. (Donna), Anthony, and James (Beverly); grandchildren, Jasmine and Deshawn Cox. She also leaves her love for a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7*

Humbly the family

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy & Family
Praise & Worship	Saint James Dance Ministry Newark, NJ
Hymn of Comfort	Martha Rooks
Old Testament	Isaiah 43:1 Loniza Ellison, III
New Testament	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Felicia Ellison
Prayer of Comfort	Al-Nisa Ellison-Bailey
Song of Comfort	Michael Watford
Remarks	2 Minutes Please
Special Remarks	Family Ashia Ellison Jasmine Ellison
Reading of Acknowledgements & Obituary	Loretta Ellison Murphy
Dance Ministry	Faith Edgar SJDM Newark, NJ
Song of Preparation	Martha Rooks
Eulogy	Pastor Diane Burnett The New Hope Baptist Church, Newark, NJ
Recessional	

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
408 Orange Road
Montclair, New Jersey

*Private Funeral Reception
Libnetti's Restaurant, Orange, NJ.*

Pall Bearers

Lonzia Ellison, III	Chris Winbush
Shawn Ellison	Ty'Rek Ellison
Joseph Grant	Elias Brantley

Doris's Wisdom

Sometimes "Now" is the best time
A grudge is the heaviest thing you can carry
Find little ways to make everyday a holiday
Each day is a new chance to begin again
Always smile, it disguises wrinkles!
The key to happiness is enthusiasm!
Set you goals high but not your expectations
Each day is a new chance to begin again!
Promise not to take promises lightly
Find little ways to make everyday a holiday
Dream in real time.

An Angel

An Angel lived among us,
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
And shared with us her love.
She cherished every moment with the,
Man who was her life.
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.
She loved her children dearly,
Each one a different way,
Nestled close within her heart.
Though, now she's far away.
She's gone to live with Jesus but,
She's here with us, today,
Smiling down on everyone of us,
And telling us she's okay.
Your Loving Son,
Deshawn (Toe-Toe)

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Doris Marie Ellison** extends their heartfelt thanks to their friends for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to them. Your warm thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. May the blessing of the Almighty be your today and forever.*

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