

In Loving Memory of



Elyse Henry

Sunrise

October 26, 1949

Sunset

August 9, 2014

Memorial Service

Thursday, August 14, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Order of Service

Prelude The Jelly Beans Music

Processional

Prayer of Comfort: Evangelist Paul Boyer

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament:Deacon Dorothy Johnson

New Testament: Roseann Griffin

Solo: Dujour Morris

Reading of Obituary James Herbert

Invictus Poem.....Christopher Henry

Solo.....The Watkins Boys

Family Reflections.....James, Pat, Chris & Sam

Acknowledgements.....limit to 2 min please

Solo..... Pastor William A. Evans, Jr.

Eulogy..... Pastor William A. Evans, Jr.

Committal.....Pastor William A. Evans, Jr.

Recessional



*Elyse's Orange Balloon Release
outside to follow the service.*



Obituary

On Saturday, August 9, 2014, with family by her side, at her home in Newark, NJ, God called on our beloved mother, Elyse.

Elyse Henry was born as Elyse Herbert on October 26, 1949 in Jersey City, NJ to Nonah and Bishop Herbert. The youngest daughter of the marriage, Elyse was nicknamed 'Red' by her family, and 'SingePie' by her Father, Bishop. At a very early age, it was noted that Elyse had a rare talent for solving puzzles and riddles, sketching, and most of all, singing. It would be her love for singing, that from the age of 12, Elyse, her sister, Maxine, and their best friend, Alma would form the internationally known and Gold Hit making group, The Jellybeans. Elyse lead the group with her sister Maxine into teenage stardom, touring with acts such as The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, The Chiffons, and many more. By 16 years old, The Jellybeans had already created 2 Gold records. After a tragic event to change the group's fate, Elyse stopped singing. Once married to James Henry, Elyse focused on creating a family and holding her children nearest and dearest to her heart.

Elyse attended Lincoln High School in Jersey City. She continued her education in Stenography School at Essex County College and became a Licensed Judicial Stenographer for the United States. While employed as a Essex County Court stenographer, Elyse's reputation for detail due to her photographic memory proceeded her. This led to her career change to become a seasoned paralegal for over 10 years with the lawfirm of Greenberg, Margolis, Ziegler & Schwartz. While working solely for Senator Greenberg and Steven Dracht, they encouraged and supported Elyse to attend Montclair State University for Law Studies. After completing her Associates degree, and entering a part-time career with grant writing, Elyse was offered an impressive position to become the VP of MerComm, NY. Working in their Manhattan office for nearly 10 years and traveling extensively, Elyse became a seasoned corporate executive and loved every minute of it. Elyse was offered the President position of MerComm in Europe. Instead, she chose to leave the company and attend college full-time to complete her dream of obtaining a college degree. Elyse enrolled full-time in Bloomfield College. After discovering her love for numbers, she began to tutor students in math, English and economics at Bloomfield College's Center for Learning. This led to Elyse becoming employed as the Manager of the Center. In 1998, Elyse graduated magna cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting, and Finance. She was a respected and generous member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. While at the Center for Learning, Elyse developed an uncanny talent in grant writing and project management. This skill led her to employment for nearly 10 years with New Community Corporation as an Operations Manager and later, Acting CFO of Workforce Development Center where she was able to utilize her love for grant writing on a continued basis. During this time, Elyse discovered a passion for volunteering for the Women's Shelter. As, this passion pushed her back into education to complete her Paralegal Certification and License from Essex County College and the State of New Jersey. This allowed her to assist battered victims with paperwork and safe movement. Having been employed part-time as a tax agent with H&R Block for over 6 years, Elyse decided she was ready for a final career change in the field that made the most sense and fun to her, accounting. Elyse slowly transitioned her career to become a seasoned tax preparer, corporate tax instructor and manager of West Orange H&R Block office. After managing West Orange for a few seasons, Elyse honed her skills on company know, protocol, tax preparation and training. She then moved to Operations for H&R Block until her untimely demise. Elyse loved working in project management and operation roles. She truly enjoyed exercising her mind in a position that presented daily challenges, changes and people-know. Her high standards, compassion in understanding people management paired with her high intellect offered Elyse a truly respected position with her co-workers. Anyone that has been fortunate to have been trained by Elyse, or worked with her, will always remember her brilliant mind, calm demeanor, strength, fairness, and honesty.

Elyse was known for her effortless loud laugh, intelligence and honest approach to life. She treated everyone fairly and equally with full compassion and love. She had a passion for singing, traveling, gourmet cooking reading, volunteering, pattern making and sewing. And, her children James, Patrick, Christopher and Samantha meant the world to her. She was very devout about her spirituality and was open-minded to receive many religious concepts.

Elyse was predeceased by her mother, Nonah Herbert, father, Bishop Herbert, sister, Beulah Mae Lowe, two brothers, Garfield and Melvin Herbert, grandson, Trevor, and son-in-law, Michael Jenkins.

Mommy will be deeply missed and will remain deeply loved in our hearts and minds. Elyse is cherished in memory by her children: James E. Herbert, Patrick L. Henry, Christopher D. Henry, and Samantha A. Henry. Grand children: Joy E., Ryan, James Jr., Jordan, Ikeelah, Morgan, Jayden, Precia, Shane, Taylor, Anthony, Amir, Tania, Tiora. Great Grands: Jamari and Samara. Daughters-in-Law: Charletta, Lisa and Roseann. Siblings: Mary Barney, Samuel Jones, Ruth McMillan, Maxine Watkins, Ralph Herbert, Dennis Herbert and Michael Herbert together with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives. As well as a host of friends including great friends, Gay Wells, Mae Snyder and Terri James, Dorothy Johnson, Joanne Buglione, Jean Francis and Iris Perrot.

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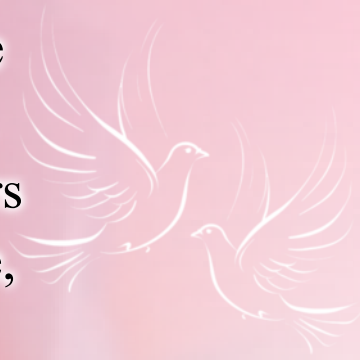
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Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning's of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.
Thank you to: Walter Ivey, Michael Nash, Ron Langenvine and Michael James
for always being there for Mommy.

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