

*A Celebration of The Life of*  
**Clarabell "Bella" Elliott**

*Sunrise*

April 26, 1937

*Sunset*

September 2, 2014



**Service**

Monday, September 8, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

**LAGREE BAPTIST CHURCH**

362 125<sup>th</sup> Street • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Deborah Rice, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

Eulogy to my Dear Auntie Clara

Good evening! I am honored to say a few memorable words about my Auntie Clara. She was a fun-loving lady whose smile would light up a room. What I will always cherish about my aunt, is her love for family. Not a birthday or an anniversary would go by that she would not remember. Christmas was a special time for her because Christmas, was all about giving. It was such a delight to be around her.

My Auntie Clara was one of eight children (she being a twin) born on April 26, 1937 to the late Nathan Williams and Glendora Bowen-Williams. She attended Yorkville High School where she earned a diploma in the sciences. After completing high school, she began working at Beth Israel Hospital and subsequently moved on to working at New York University Medical Center. She retired after 38 years of service.

As a young girl, Auntie enjoyed activities such as roller skating, ice skating and I heard she was great at playing stick ball. She found enjoyment playing cards with the family, baking apple pies, but most of all, she truly enjoyed traveling and watching her black and white movies. I mean really, who watches "Gone with the Wind" over six times in black and white....only my Auntie☺.

She was concerned about each and every member of the family and no matter what the situation might be, she was always there with her beautiful warm smile and a piece of advice.

It was at New York University Medical Center where my Auntie met her husband and life companion, Uncle Selvin. She leaves behind one beautiful daughter, Laurie Ann, two grandchildren, Jamal and Janiece Ross. Two great-grandchildren, Ariana and Morgan, and son-in-law, Ronald Ross. One granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer, two godsons, Jeffrey and Savion. Two sisters, Natalie Williams-Ross and Auntie's twin sister, Marion Williams, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and in-laws.

Our heavenly Father has called her to join members of the family who have pre-deceased, remembering Stanley, Genavie, Glendora, Nathan, Mohsin and Esther.

I will forever miss my Aunt's smile and her unconditional dedication to the family. All of us who knew and loved her are richly blessed from having received the gift of her unflagging love. I and those who love you, wish you peace and heavenly rest.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude ..... Organist

Processional

Call To Worship ..... Rev. Deborah Rice

Hymn ..... #413 “How Great Thou Art”

Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Deborah Rice

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1 ..... Marissa Darling

New Testament - 1 John 5:1-6 ..... Hadiya Coates

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pauline Kennedy

Solo ..... Yolanda Ferguson

Family Reflections ..... Savion Wheeler

Reflections ..... (2 minutes)

Reading of Cards ..... Janiece Ross

Reading of the Obituary ..... Umar Coates  
Tanya Gayle

Eulogy ..... Rev. Deborah Rice

Solo ..... Yolanda Ferguson

Closing Hymn ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Benediction

Recessional ..... “God Be With You”

**Interment**

Rose Hills Memorial Park Cemetery  
Putnam Valley, New York

## *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 a while for me if grieve 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 soft and clear  
And when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*We are so thankful for the expressions of sympathy and kindness, your calls, visits, and messages from all. We are feeling blah but loved we can not begin to express how much it means to us, the love bestowed upon us at this time.*

Blessings To All  
Love #1 Laurie and Family

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