

Celebration for the Life of



Elizabeth Minnie Alford

January 20, 1937 – September 4, 2014

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE CLASS

54 Pine Street

Passaic, New Jersey 07055

Rev. Bernard Durham, Officiating

Reflections of Life



Elizabeth Minnie Alford was born on January 20, 1937 to the late Elizabeth and Melvin Rembert in Marlboro County, South Carolina.

Elizabeth's family moved to North Carolina when she was a baby. She attended Roseboro High School in Roseboro, NC. She left North Carolina and moved to Brooklyn, NY at the age of 18. She attended LaGuardia Community College, receiving a certificate in Technical Support and Telecommunications.

Elizabeth met and married Robert Alford and to that union seven children were born.

Later, Elizabeth accepted a job in the hotel industry as a telephone operator. After several years as an operator she was promoted to supervisor then manager. While she was a manager, she was offered a job at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel Chain as Director of Telecommunications in New York City.

Elizabeth retired in 1993, after the death of her daughter, Robin, so she could raise her three granddaughters, Netifa, Takiyah and Damali. After her retirement she moved to Passaic, NJ. There she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she wore many hats as the Director of YPD, President of Missionaries, member of the Steward

Board and President of the Stewardess Board.

She later relocated with her grandchildren to Owing Mills, MD and joined Pleasant A.M.E. Church. She became President of the Missionary Society Class Leader and Vice President of the Lay Organization. She was appointed Worship Leader for her area for the Missionaries and Coordinator for the Tanner Turner Memorial Service in Washington, DC District 2 Conference.

Elizabeth moved back to Passaic, NJ in 2008, to be with her family. There she joined Grace Bible Class Church where she is currently a member.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband, Robert Alford, daughter, Robin Denise, parents, Elizabeth and Melvin Rembert, three sisters, Jean, Dorothy and Patricia, three brothers, Earnest, Richard and Johnny.

Elizabeth Minnie Alford departed this life on Thursday, September 4, 2014 surrounded by her loving family.

Elizabeth leaves to cherish wonderful memories: her four daughters, Carolyn Alford of Montclair, NJ, Elizabeth Coley of Rutherford, NJ, Joyce Alford and Diane Sanders of Bronx, NY; two sons, Shaheem Alford (Lisa) of Passaic, NJ and Melvin Alford of Maryland; two sisters, Mildred and Pamela. She also leaves eighteen grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and church family.

Order of Service

Processional

Congregational Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Words of Comfort
Rev. Clifton Sparrow
Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Owings Mills, MD

Solo - Tiayana Marie Cedillo

"Our Living Legends" by RM Gross
Netifa Alford

Acknowledgements
Mr. Shaheem Alford and Ms. Carolyn Alford

Reflections of Life
Mrs. Kim Coley-Curry

Hymn
Grace Bible Class Choir

The Word of God
Rev. Bernard Durham

Recessional

Interment

East Ridge Lawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now,

He set me free!

-author unknown

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