

In Loving Memory of
Leila Elizabeth Gardner



Sunrise
November 8, 1962

Sunset
November 27, 2014

Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Ronald Colemon, Officiating

Precious Memories

Gone but not Forgotten

Always in our heart. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

An angel came and took you by the hand, and said your place was ready in heaven far above. You had to leave behind, all those you dearly loved. And though your life on earth is past, in Heaven it starts a new life. You have for all eternity, just as God has promised you. And though you've walked through Heaven's gate we are never far apart. For every time we think of you, you're right here, deep within our hearts.

Mother-Margo Gardner and Brother Thomas Gardner, Jr.

Missing You

Small mementos left behind are safely tucked away. Precious memories that we shared are in my heart to stay. Precious sister I miss you. In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you still. Your spirit lives on within each of us. Your memory will be kept alive. The day God called you home. You left us a beautiful memories and though we can't see you, you are always by our side.

Sister-Cecelia Sutherland

Obituary

Lelia Elizabeth Gardner was born November 8, 1962 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the proud parents of the Margo and the late Thomas Gardner, Sr. Lelia spent her early childhood in the Newark and the Roselle Public School system. She graduated from Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, NJ.

Lelia was a fun loving person, and she always had a smile on her face. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially when the weather would allow time outside. If you were hungry, she loved to cook. When she wasn't playing basketball she was enjoying poetry, reading a good story, or just listening to music.

Lelia's quiet passing came on November 27, 2014 at home in Newark. She is joining her father, the late Thomas Gardner Sr. and her sister, the late Nena Radden.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memories; her son, Anthony Bryant Jr.; her mother, Margo Gardner; one sister, Cecelia (Lloyd) Sutherland; one brother, Thomas Gardner Jr.; her brother-in-law, Rodney Radden, her nephew, Xavier Radden; two nieces, JaLeesa Radden, Crystal Radden and a host of other family and friends.

She will always be remembered for her good heart. She will be greatly missed by all.



Memory of My Mom

God has blessed me to have spent twenty-seven years with my mom, but now he has taken her home on Thursday, I wish I could have had this Thanksgiving with her. Everything happens for a reason, looking forward to the day I can see you again. It was a blast while it lasted. Love You momma dukes.

Son - Anthony Bryant, Jr.

Order of Service

Opening Remarks and Prayers .. Pastor Ronald Colemon

Lighting of Candle

Scripture Readings Pastor Ronald Colemon

Old Testament - Psalm 100

New Testament - St. John 14

Song

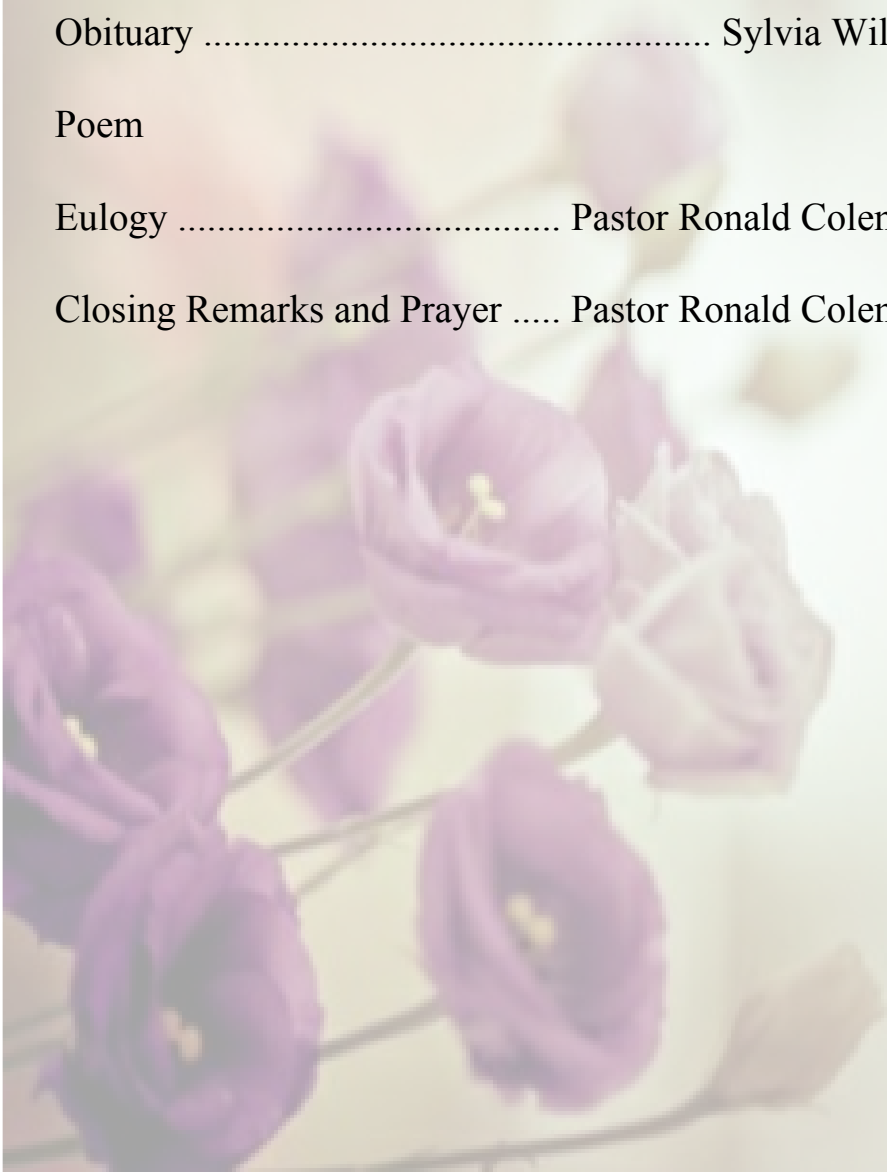
Remarks

Obituary Sylvia Wilson

Poem

Eulogy Pastor Ronald Colemon

Closing Remarks and Prayer Pastor Ronald Colemon



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

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.

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