

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Deaconess Elizabeth Steele*



*Sunrise*  
*April 16, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*July 3, 2015*

**Service**

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

166 West 92nd Street • New York, NY

## Obituary

**Deaconess Elizabeth “Liz” Steele** was born April 16, 1937, in Jefferson County, Alabama. She was the eight of nine children, born to Johnny and Ophelia Maston.

Liz attended and graduated from Wenonah High School in 1956. After graduation she went to work at the Motor Hotel, and later worked at Williams Department Store.

In 1958, Cornell Steele, Jr. came into her life and after courting for a little over a year, they were married in August, 1959. To this union they had three wonderful children, Robertina (Yvette), Cornell, III (Charles), and Jacques (Jack). The Steele family moved to New York City in the early 60’s. They resided on the Upper Westside of Manhattan.

Liz went to work at Traders Restaurant on Wall Street, where she only worked for a brief period, after being hired for a job she had applied for at Trinity Private School. The staff and students loved “Ms. Steele”. Upon her retirement in 2004, a beautiful luncheon was held in her honor.

Elegant best describe Liz Steele, for she was truly an elegant lady and an elegant dresser, whether at church, work or play. She was best known for her beautiful smile and joyful laugh. Liz was also known for her fabulous hats.

When it came to sports, Liz was a sports aficionado, whether it was a football, baseball, basketball game or tennis match, you would always find her glued to the television when a sports event was on. Her favorite football team was the Dallas Cowboys. Watching sports’ events was her favorite pastime, her hobby.

Liz Steele joined Mt. Pleasant in the early 90’s, under the pastorship of Rev. Charles D. Eatman, Sr., and immediately went to work in several of the church ministries. She served on the Usher Board, sang in the Senior Choir, and was a member of the Diaconate Ministry. She was a devoted member until her services were curtailed by illness. However, Liz remained a faithful member and came as often as she could. She loved her Pastor and her church family.

She is preceded in death by four brothers, Jacob, Joseph, Issac, and Shack Maston, two sisters, Louise and Christine Maston. She is survived by: three loving children, Robertina (Edward), Cornell, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tawana) and Jacques; seven grandchildren, Nicholas, Jacqueline, Chrystian, Dominique, Tiara, Victoria and Charles; one sister, Mamie Hendderson (Jessie) of Birmingham, Alabama; one brother, Henry Maston of Buffalo, New York; two sisters-in-law, Eloise Maston of Birmingham, Alabama and Bernice Maston of Buffalo, New York; one special grand nephew, Delvin Maston; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

*Order of Service*  
*Bishop Charles D. Eatman, Sr., Officiating*

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Prayer.....Pastor John Fils Aime

Selection.....Chancel Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6.....Jack Steele

New Testament - John 14:1-3.....Delvin Maston

Invocation and Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor John Beckham

Selection.....“How Great Thou Art”.....Pamela Skinner

Reflections (2 Minutes Please).....Friends

Tribute from the Family.....Daughter - Yvette Steele

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Bettie Mays

Selection.....Chancel Choir

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles D. Eatman

Selection.....Chancel Choir

Viewing

Benediction.....Bishop Charles D. Eatman

Recessional

*Interment*  
*Maple Grove Cemetery*  
*Hackensack, New Jersey*

## *"If Tears Could Build A Stairway"*

*If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories were a lane.  
I would walk right up to Heaven  
and bring you back again.*

*No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say "Goodbye".  
You were gone before I knew it,  
and only God knows why.*

*My heart still aches with sadness,  
and secret tears still flow-  
What it meant to love you-  
No one can ever know.*

*But now I know you want me  
to mourn for you no more;  
To remember all the happy times  
life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten,  
I pledge to you today~  
A hollowed place within my heart  
is where you'll always stay.*

*Author: Unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of **Deaconess Elizabeth Steele** wishes to express our grateful appreciation for the comforting expressions of sympathy offered through your prayers, calls, and other acts of kindness.*

*May God richly Bless you for being such a wonderful extension of His love.*

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