

# IN LOVING MEMORY

*of*



*Elise D.*  
KENNEDY

OCTOBER 26, 1929 - MARCH 31, 2026

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPEL INC  
2352 FREDERICK DOUGLASS BLVD. NY

MONDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 2026 - 10AM

# *Order of Service*



WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

POEM READING

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WORDS OF COMFORT

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FINAL VIEWING

Friends and Family

## *Pallbearers*

Dontae Thomas

Christopher Turner

Jamal Thomas

Tabari Neville

Tahlee Dunn

Robert Woodward



# FOREVER LOVED

## *Never Forgotten*

Though you have left us, you are never truly gone. Your light continues to shine, living on in every heart and every prayer, and your memory remains beyond compare. The laughter we shared and the love we knew fill our hearts with strength and warmth, even as we miss you more than words can express. In every step we take and every challenge we face, your spirit guides and comforts us. Though the days ahead may bring tears, we take solace in your enduring grace. Held forever in our hearts, your love remains strong, pure, and everlasting.

## *Prayer*



**Heavenly Father,**

We commend Elise soul into Your loving embrace. May she rest in eternal peace, free from pain and sorrow, surrounded by Your endless love. Let her faith, kindness, and love continue to guide and inspire us each day. Give us comfort and strength as we honor her memory, keeping her spirit alive in our hearts forever.

**Amen.**



# Remembering

## A LIFE WELL LIVED

Elise D. Kennedy was born on October 26, 1929, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, to Victoria Parker. She was lovingly raised by her grandparents, Eugenia Parker and Maslone Parker, alongside her mother, aunts, uncles, and cousins in a close-knit family grounded in strength and resilience. Growing up during a time of great hardship, she worked alongside her family on the farm, developing the strong work ethic and determination that would guide her throughout her life. She found love with James Kennedy, and in 1945 they welcomed their first son, Robert (Ralph) Lee Kennedy. The couple later married in 1948 and in 1952 was blessed with their daughter Barbara Ann Neville (Kennedy). In the 1960's The Kennedy's moved to Harlem, NY where they were blessed with their youngest son Keith Gerod Kennedy. Elise D Kennedy, widowed in 1997 and later met her partner Samuel Dunnum who helped raise, support and love her family as his own. While in New York City, she worked in housekeeping, providing tirelessly for her family. Known for her firm but caring nature, she believed in discipline, respect, and doing what was right. Her home was always open, offering comfort, shelter, and warmth to family and for anyone in need. She was the matriarch of her family—loving, strong, and resilient. As the years passed and her loved ones grew and built lives of their own, her greatest desire was to remain close to her family, cherishing every moment spent together. She was preceded in death by her children Robert L. Kennedy, Barbara A. Neville, and Keith G. Kennedy. She leaves behind a legacy of seven grandchildren: Dwight Thomas, Ayesha Thomas, Tasheis Turner, Tyesh Neville, Clyde Woodward, Robert Woodward, and Christine Kennedy, sixteen great-grandchildren, and seventeen great-great-grandchildren.

# FAMILY & FRIENDS

## Tributes



### TRIBUTE FROM TYESH (GRANDDAUGHTER)

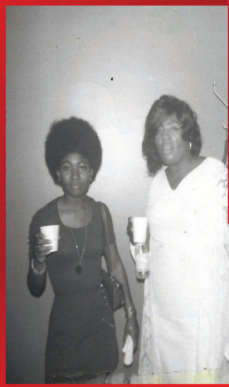
Thank you for all that you have done for our family. You endured so much and witnessed so many seasons of life, yet you never allowed anything to break your spirit. You continued to walk in faith and move the way God called you to. You gave to others without hesitation—even when you didn't have much, and even when you didn't have to. That was just who you were. You fussed at us, yes—but you never turned your back on your family. Your love wasn't always soft in words, but it was strong, present, and unwavering. And as the years went on, you softened... you became more tender, more expressive, and you made sure we knew you loved us. I will miss coming to see you every week—doing your grocery shopping, taking you to the center for lunch, and simply sitting in your presence. Those moments meant everything to me. You were the last living piece of my mother that I held onto so tightly, and letting go is not easy. But I hear your voice telling me to “let go and let God,” and that is what I will do. I am forever grateful for you, for your love, your strength, and your legacy. You've done well, Big Red Now go on and rest

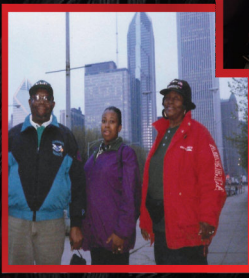


### TRIBUTE FROM MIRAHYA (GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

Maw was my great-great-great grandma. Growing up, she always spoiled me and my sister, Samiyah. It was always the same things: plain donuts, Ritz crackers, and anything else she found in her bags. Recently, she fell in love with lollipops, so we always made sure she had plenty.

Whenever we visited her, she would always compliment us, then grab our hands and complain about how cold they were. Maw was such a loving grandma, but we all know she didn't like to be excluded. If you were in her living room, you were always going to hear a “helloooo,” and when you came in, she'd ask a random question like, “Do you want a candy or cake?” and you had to say yes, because she'd get upset if you didn't. That's just who Maw was loving, funny, and always making sure everyone around her felt noticed and cared for. Those little moments with her are the ones I'll never forget. I'm really going to miss her, and I'll always carry those memories with me.





*"Her laughter warmed every heart, her soul shines brightly in eternity."*

# *Acknowledgement*

The family of Elise D. Kennedy sincerely thanks everyone for the love, support, and prayers shared during this difficult time. Your kindness, comforting words, and thoughtful gestures have brought us strength and peace. We are especially grateful to those who assisted with arrangements, provided meals, or offered help in so many meaningful ways. Elise's memory will forever live in our hearts, and we are blessed by your generosity.

# *Interment*

Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Boulevard  
Calverton, NY 11933

