

The Home-Going Celebration for

Evangelist

Gladys Nelson

Sunrise
November 23, 1934

Sunset
September 12, 2018

Service

Thursday, September 20, 2018
Viewing 3:00p.m. to 5:45p.m.
The Ushers March 5:45p.m.
Service 6:00p.m.

ST. LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH

1872 Amsterdam Avenue • New York, NY 10031

Rev. Marcellus A. Norris, Pastor

Obituary

Evangelist Gladys Nelson was born on November 23, 1934 to the late Mr. Robert and Ms. Rosabell Smalls in Charleston, South Carolina. She had two sisters and one brother, who preceded her death. She was educated in the Public Schools in Charleston and graduated one of first of five from Haut Gap High School in 1953.

Evangelist Nelson was reared by her grandparents, Rev. Julius and Mrs. Mariah Taylor in Charleston. She later moved to New York City to live with her aunt, Marie Bullock.

She met and married Bro. Walter C. Nelson, who preceded her in death, and to that union three children were born. She retired from Chase Manhattan Bank after twenty years of faithful service.

Evangelist Nelson became a member of St. Luke A.M.E. Church under the Pastoral Leadership of the late Rev. William Lee Freeman, who later became Presiding Elder of the Manhattan District and continued to serve faithfully under Pastorate of the late Reverends: Richard R. Stokes and S. Frank Emmanuel; former Pastor: Rev. Melvin E. Wilson and the current Pastor: Rev. Marcellus A. Norris. She served faithfully as a member of Class #14, Stewardess Board #5, Senior Female and Intermediate Usher Boards, Unit #3 of the Emma S. Freeman Women's Missionary Society, Lay Organization, Evangelist Ministry, Host and Hostess Ministry and the Seniors Ministry.

She was also an active member of the New York Conference and the Manhattan District Department of Evangelism.

Evangelist Nelson enjoyed reading the Scriptures, shopping on-line and spending time with her family and friends.

Evangelist Nelson served faithfully until her health began to fail on August 30, 2018 and on September 12, 2018 at 2:35 in the afternoon the Lord stopped by Lenox Hill and saw that she was tired and delivered her from her pain and suffering and carried her to eternal rest.

She leaves to cherish fond memories her children: Anthony W. Nelson, Arnold G. Nelson and Lynette L. McKinnon; one daughter-in-law: Deborah Nelson; one son-in-law: Gregory D. McKinnon; four grandchildren: Anthony W. Nelson II, Shaquille M. Nelson, Shatonya A. Nelson and Arno G. Nelson; two sisters: Mary L. Brown of Alexandria, VA and Mary L. Simmons of Charleston, SC; one aunt: Marie Bullock of Bronx, NY; four sisters-in-law: Eleanor Major of Bronx, NY, Beatrice Thrasher of Bronx, NY, Martha Johnson of Virginia and Marie Nelson of Hempstead, NY; a very special friend of 54 years: Ann Stevenson; and a host nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**The angels gathered near your side, so very close to you
For they knew the pain and suffering that you were going through
We thought about so many things as we tightly held your hands
Oh, how we wished that you were strong and happy once again
But your eyes were looking heavenward, To that place beyond the skies
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms, it was time to say good-bye.**

Lovingly Submitted by - The Family

Order of Service

The Processional with Scripture Sentences.....Clergy and Family

The Hymn of Comfort (# 448).....“It Is Well with My Soul”

The Prayer of Consolation

The Choral Response

The Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

The Worship Through Music.....The Mass Choir

Acknowledgements.....Bro. Arnold Nelson

Moments of Reflection (3 Minutes)

Bro. Anthony W. Nelson (Loving Son)

Sis. Gail Mitchell (President of Stewardess Board #5)

Sis. Idamae Campbell (President of the Lay Organization)

Sis. Deborah Toussant (1st Vice President of the Emma S. Freeman WMS)

Sis. Barbara Green (President of the Intermediate Usher Board)

Sis. Valerie Ray (President of the Senior Female Usher Board)

Sis. Avis Hudson (President of the Ministry of Evangelism)

Sis. Elnora Burgess (President of the Seniors Ministry)

Sis. Kim Bell (President of the Host and Hostess Ministry)

Sis. Rosalie Deas Green (Leader of Class #14)

Rev. Leon Bradley (NY Conference and Man. Dist. Dept. of Evangelism)

Official Board Resolution.....Sis. Victoria Palmer

The Obituary (read silently)

The Worship Through MusicThe Mass Choir

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Marcellus A. Norris, Pastor

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Committal and Benediction

The Recessional.....“Hold The Fort”

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

REPAST in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Service

I'VE CHANGED MY ADDRESS

*I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.
I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.
I now live forever with Jesus in
my new home in the sky.
I have no burdens or heartaches.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore.
For the Lord built a mansion
And my name is on the door.
You can find us walking together,
For where He is, I'll always be.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find my
parents, grandparents, brother
husband and me:*

*Gladys Nelson
12 Gates to the City Avenue
New Jerusalem, Heaven 77777*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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