



*In Loving Memory  
of*

*Elizabeth  
Marie  
Billups*

*Sunrise  
January 19, 1944*

*Sunset  
January 19, 2019*

*Service*

*Wednesday, January 30, 2019  
Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Service: 11:00 a.m.*

**GREATER MT. ZION AME CHURCH**  
42 Pennington Avenue  
Trenton, New Jersey 08618

# *Obituary*

**Elizabeth Marie Billups**, departed this life on January 19, 2019 on her 75th birthday at Capital Health System, Helene Fuld Campus, in Trenton. Affectionately known as "Little Betty", she was born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey on January 19, 1944 to Walter Finney Brown, Sr. and Mary Virginia Brown. Elizabeth was educated at Trenton Central High School and Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Elizabeth began her long career as a Mental Health Counselor, at The Henry J. Austin Health Center, in 1970. There she was loved by all of her colleagues who lovingly referred to her as "Betty B".

She was very outspoken and strongly believed in and fought for the rights of all the people. She was the Vice-President of the employees union, psychiatric group counselor at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. She was also the initiator of the local "Reach Out Speak Out" organization. She worked closely with the late Christine Gage with funding and resources as well as placement for those in need for her group home. Elizabeth was an advocate for her family and community at hospitals, schools, legal agencies, work place environments, City Hall, City Council, The Board of Chosen Freeholders, and yes even places of worship. Whenever she knew there was a need, she would not hesitate to obtain a permit to protest or call her good friends, State Senator Shirley Turner, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman and yes former presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton's office in New York. Her dear friend Reverend Daniels said it best, "your mother's title at the Henry J. Austin Health Center was Mental Health Counselor, but she really was also a social worker because she was so resourceful she encompassed all of those duties into one."

As a lifelong Trentonian, Elizabeth was a pillar of strength first and foremost for her family and her community. Whenever there was a need, everyone knew that they could call Elizabeth any time, day or night and she would respond. In fact, regardless of the time her telephone would ring, she had the entire household ready to respond immediately. She would say, "now you know we have a large family so just have your clothes by your beds, and for one of her three daughters in particular, who just wasn't the easiest to awaken, you my dear child, you may want to sleep in your clothes because if my family, friends or someone in the community call, we are going no matter what time of day or night."

Elizabeth also loved to go to New York for a Broadway show, and one of her favorite places was Times Square on New Years Eve. She loved the music of Motown. Her favorite singer was Ms. Diana Ross in which her brother Paul painted her likeness on the back of her denim jacket and her brother John stood outside in the rain with her in Central park for her concert. In fact, she would not perform the famous Diana Ross and the Supremes songs, at home of course without her sister Phyllis. But most of all she loved to cook for her family and friends and have them over for dinner and a cocktail. Everyone had a great time. So much so, they would be found sleeping over the next morning. Her family was everything, they were her world.

Elizabeth was one of 16 children all baptized and raised in this very church, Mount Zion AME on Perry St. of Trenton, New Jersey. She used to tell stories such as Sister Jackie Hayes taught her Sunday School, and how they used to cut up sometimes walking back home to Seward Ave. afterwards. Pre-deceased by; her parents, Walter F. Brown, Sr. and Mary Virginia Brown; her late husband, Frank M. Billups Jr.; in-laws, Frank M. Billups, Sr. and Ruth Billups; brothers, Walter F. Brown, Jr., David Brown, Frank Brown, Thomas Brown and Derrick Brown; and one sister, Mary Louise Beatty.

She leaves to mourn; three daughters, Veronica Billups, Victoria Sanderson, and Joy Brooks; two grandsons, John Sanderson III, and Roy Brooks III; two great-grand daughters, Mekhia Mary Louise Sanderson and Jaelyn Elizabeth Sanderson; three brothers, John Brown, Richard Brown Sr. and Paul Brown; six sisters, Claudia Hall, Catherine Adams, Emma Hall, Francis Rogers, Phyllis Ali (Ahmad Ali), Deborah O'Neal (Richard O'Neal); and one very special sister-in-law, Betty Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

- Organ Prelude.....Jeffrey Clark
- Processional.....Reverend Daniels Myrtle  
Clergy And Family
- Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”
- The Old Testament (Psalm 23).....Rev. A. Tibbs
- The New Testament (John 14:1-6).....Rev. A. Tibbs
- Prayer of Consolation.....Reverend Mack
- Solo.....“I Won't Complain”  
Rosalynd Sheppard
- Solo.....Walter Brown (Violinist)
- Acknowledgements/Cards/Resolutions.....Jennifer Lewis-Hall
- Remarks.....Open to Family and Friends
- Solo.....“His Eyes Are One The Sparrow”  
Lisa Finn-Bruce
- Eulogy.....Reverend Myrtle Daniels
- Recessional Hymn....."Soon And Very Soon"

## *Interment*

Ewing Cemetery  
Ewing, New Jersey

## **Repast**

*Immediately following interment, all friends and family are formally invited to join us in the church fellowship area located in the posterior location of the Sanctuary.*



*Gratefulness*

*The family of **Elizabeth Marie Billups**, deeply appreciates the many kind and thoughtful acts bestowed upon us during our time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for us as we mourn the wonderful life the Lord allowed her to share with us all on this side of His Creation. He has called her to His Heavenly Home now and we take some solace knowing that she is sitting on the Right side of God.*

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