

*A Celebration of Life for*

*Elsie Boyce*

*April 23, 1933 - February 4, 2019*



Friday, February 8, 2019

Viewing: 5pm-6pm

Service: 6pm

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey

## *Life Story*

**Elsie Boyce** was born on April 23, 1933 to the late Elvira Boyce (Gran) and Samuel Howard Boyce. Elsie died on February 4, 2019 in East Orange, NJ United States. She was sistered to the late Fitz Herbert, Godfrey, Robert, Patrick and Molly. Along with other surviving siblings Jean, Doreen and Lynette. Elsie was a native of Guyana, South America. She attended St. Ambrose School in Georgetown, Guyana.

Elsie was married to the late Darcy Barrett on December 21, 1968. Together they had 6 children; Norma, Darcy Jr., Susanne, Donna, Durvin and Della. Elsie was a phenomenal Caterer. People enjoyed her food, warm conversation and great spirit. Elsie loved her family, there was always something going on at the house, from playing games, to lots of dancing. She loved to dance; especially with her husband and anyone else that could Waltz. Elsie was one of the best Swing dancers with great flexibility. Her husband would dip her all the way down to the ground and she would spring back up and move into position. When Elsie and Darcy got married, the song that they danced to was Wilson Pickett "I'm Sorry About That".

She migrated to the United States on September 5, 2005. Elsie spent that time connecting with her family and loved ones. She also spent time traveling within the United States and numerous trips back home to Guyana.

Everyone who met Elsie felt her sincerity. Elsie is preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sister Molly. She leaves to mourn her children, 19 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, sisters, sons-in-law Keith and Gary and daughters-in-law Janice and Denise.

Elsie was aunty to many including Ulric and others, the family members are too many to name individually but Elsie was loved by all and will be truly missed.

# *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer/ Payer of comfort

Hymn  
“In the Garden”

Reading from Shana Taylor  
Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

A Poem from Gwendolyn Conway

Reading from Kwesi Watson  
New Testament 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Poem from Kaylan Taylor

Reflection/ Remarks  
(2 mins per person)

Life Story  
read by Durvin Barrett

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

Hymn  
“Blessings Assurance”

**INTERMENT**

Private

# *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*

## *Expression of Thanks*

The family of the late **Elsie Boyce** are so grateful to each of you for all of your expressions of love and sympathy. Your prayers, your visits, your calls, cards and everything you have done helped us through these days of sorrow and we deeply appreciate your support.

Please continue to pray for us.  
God bless you all.

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