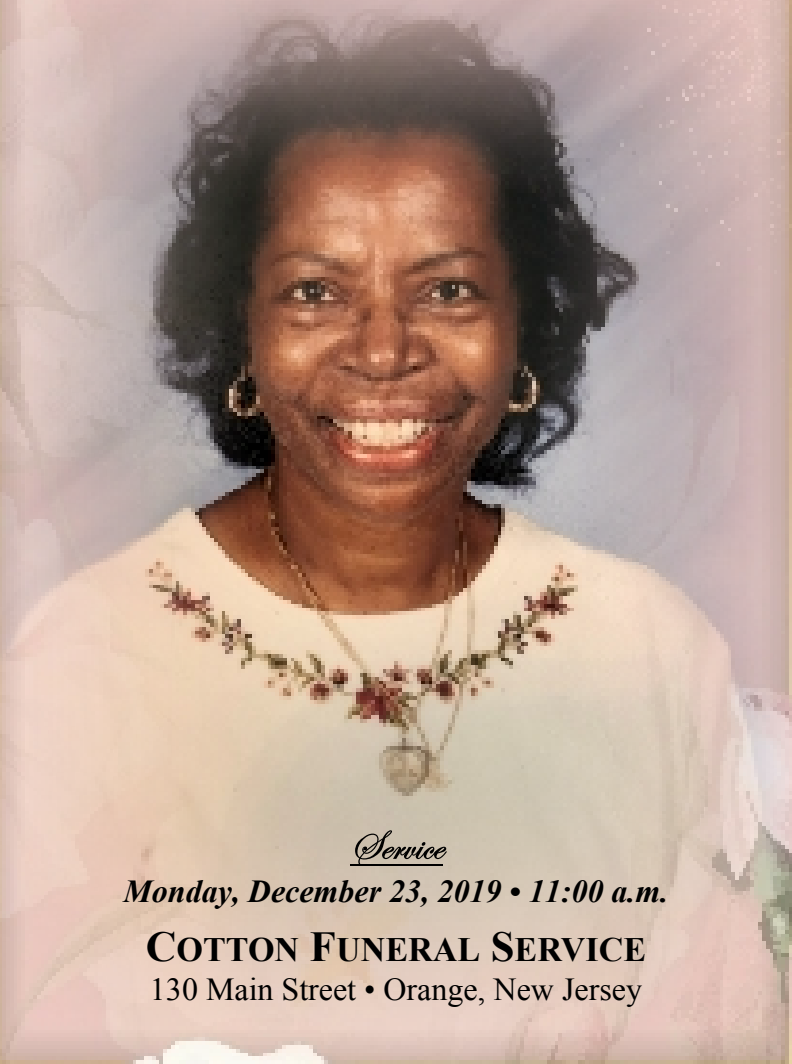


In Loving Memory of
Ravannah Hazelton-El Winbush

Sunrise
January 23, 1934

Sunset
December 14, 2019



Service
Monday, December 23, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Ravannah Hazelton-El Winbush, lovingly referred to as “Van”, was born January 23, 1934 to the late Mable Pearsall Hazelton-El Pettys and Charles Hazelton-El.

She transitioned on Saturday, December 14, 2019, with her faithfully devoted daughter, Vencia at her bedside.

Van was a lifelong resident of Newark, New Jersey, attending Morton Street Elementary School and Newark Arts High School.

Ravannah wed Leroy Winbush, Jr. on August 8, 1954, and to this union two children were born, Glenn Naim and Vencia.

Van made history along with her siblings and cousin, Ruth Elam, Loretta Williams, and cousin Juliet Grant, by being the largest family of relatives to graduate Essex County College in the same ceremony in 1973. She continued her education and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975 from Montclair State College, Montclair, New Jersey.

Van was commissioned by the Passaic Board of Education, where she taught in their public school system. She joined The Chad School in Newark, NJ in 1975, as a 3rd grade teacher, and taught there alongside her brother-in-law, Roger (Masud) Elam, until 1994. In her tireless dedication to education she joined Mary Wheeler Day Care Center, where her grandson, Taahir, attended. Ravannah’s drive and tenacity steered her forward and she joined The Urban League in Newark, NJ, as a teacher’s assistant, until her retirement in 2009.

Ravannah was an Extraordinary accomplished human being, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, great aunt, teacher and friend.

Ravannah was predeceased by her husband, Leroy Winbush, Jr., son, Glenn Naim, parents, Mable and Charles, siblings, Bertha, Elihue, Ruth, Loretta, Claudius, and Joanne.

She leaves to cherish her memory daughter, Vencia D Winbush; grandson, Taahir Naim Melton, last remaining sibling, Rosalie Pettys, brother-in-law, Roger Masud Elam; sister-in-law, Frances Winbush, nieces, nephew, cousins and special friend Mack Ray.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection Jalila Brunson

Scripture Reading Pastor Michal Slade

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Charles Tyler

Selection Cean Howard

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements Shakira McGill

Taahir Melton

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Eulogy Pastor Michal Slade

Recessional

INTERMENT

Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

Remembering My Mom

My mother seems so far away from me
On that beautiful white shore across the sea
Yet I remember love's soft glow upon her face
And the feel of her touch and tender embrace
When I am weary from the burdens I've borne
And the path is unclear and I feel so forlorn,
I remember her loving support was always near
And her advice made the path ahead seem so clear.
When I feel there is no one who seems to care,
Or when the heartache seems too much to bear,
I remember how she always stood by my side
And would tenderly wipe away the tears I cried
When there are moments of great joy and pride,
And I wish my mother was standing by my side,
I remember she saw more than I thought I could be,
And I know I owe my triumphs to her belief in me.
When I reminisce about the things she used to say
And I miss her and think she is so far away,
I remember what she gave lives on through me,
And one day I'll see her on the shore across the sea.

Sorrowfully Submitted

Daughter, Vencia

Acknowledgement

The family of **Ravannah Hazelton-El Winbush** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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