

*The Homegoing Service for  
Sister Please Veal*

**Sunrise: November 22, 1921**

**Sunset: February 20, 2020**

**Service**

***Monday, March 2, 2020***

***Viewing: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.***

***Service at: 10:00 a.m.***

**FIRST BETHEL A.M.E CHURCH**

60 West 132nd Street • New York, New York 10037

***Reverend Dr. Henry A. Belin III, Host Pastor***

***Reverend Marcellus A. Norris, Pastor***

***St. Luke A.M.E. Church***

1872 Amsterdam Avenue • New York, New York 10031

***Officiating***

# Obituary

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)*

Sister Elease Wilkins was born in Monks Corner, SC to the late Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Elizabeth "Lola" Wilkins. She was educated in the Public School system in Cordesville, SC and accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age.

Elease moved to New York City in 1944 and it was there that she met and later married Mr. Isaac Veal. From that union, four children were born: Veronica, Geneva, Gregory and Patrice. Elease was a stay at home mom. She loved children so much that she cared for her family members' children, grandchildren, and friends' children, who still refer to her as Mommy, Nana or Momma V. She loved to cook and bake, and this was evident by the people who would visit and those who requested that she make a certain dish for them. She was probably best known for her homemade biscuits.

Elease began her Christian Stewardship in St. Luke under the Pastorate of the late Rev. Richard R. Stokes and continued to serve under the late Rev. S. Frank Emmanuel, former Pastor: Rev. Melvin E. Wilson and the current Pastor: Rev. Marcellus A. Norris. She was a faithful member of Class #31 under the leadership of the late Sis. Rose Murray; later changed to Class #27 under the leadership of Sis. Evelyn Houser. She was also a dedicated member of the Senior Choir and the Community Feeding Program, which she enjoyed doing until her health began to fail.

Elease is predeceased by her husband, Isaac; her only son, Gregory; her parents and siblings, Freeman, Leon, Charles, Margaret and Ernestine, and stepbrother, Lee.

Sis. Elease departed this life on February 20, 2020. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her daughters, Veronica (Lacayo), Geneva and Patrice; brother, Willie Fludd; stepbrother, Wallace Fludd; stepsister, Pauline Fludd; a special niece, Mattie Washington; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many beloved friends.



*A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says,  
"Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times,  
The laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you  
Keeping smiling and surely the  
Sun will shine through"*



Lovingly Submitted by:  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

**Reverend Marcellus A. Norris, Pastor  
Officiating**

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

**The Hymn of Comfort** ..... *"Amazing Grace"*

**The Prayer of Consolation**

**The Scriptures:**

**Old Testament: Psalm 121** ..... *Sis. Elizabeth Wilkins (Niece)*

**New Testament: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4** ..... *Sis. Johnette Wert (Great-niece)*

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

**The Acknowledgments** ..... *Sis. Geneva Veal (Daughter)*

**Solo** ..... *Sis. Tiffany Dickenson*

**Moments of Reflection (2 Minutes)**

*Sis. Evelyn Houser Leader of Class 27*

*Bro. Neville Benjamin (Nephew)*

*Sis. Deidre Grant (Granddaughter)*

**The Obituary (read silently)**

**The Official Board Resolution** ..... *Sis. Mary S. Davis*

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

**Words of Comfort** ..... *Rev. Marcellus A. Norris*

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Solo** ..... *Bro. Travis Fludd (Nephew)*

**The Committal and Benediction**

**The Recessional** ..... *"Going Up Yonder"*

*Interment*

*Rosedale Cemetery*

*Linden, New Jersey*

# *I Am 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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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!

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of Sis. El ease Veal expresses sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to everyone for all acts of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.*

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