



A Celebration of Life for

Grace Elizabeth Royal-Ellison

Sunrise:
March 27, 1927

Sunset:
May 30, 2020

SERVICE:
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020 - 12:00 NOON
VIEWING: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:00 AM

OWENS FUNERAL HOME
216 Lenox Avenue • New York, NY



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Cards & Condolences

Remarks

(2 minutes please)

Obituary Reading

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment:

Mt. Holiness Cemetery

Obituary

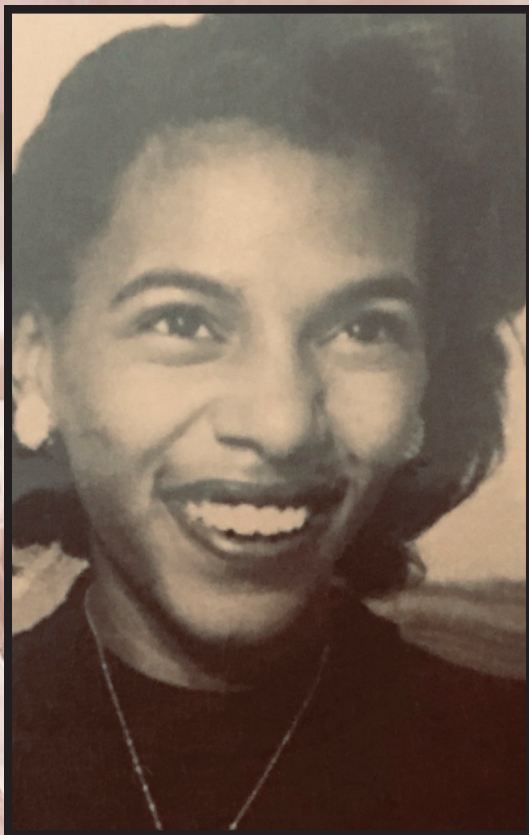
Grace Elizabeth Royal-Ellison, our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister was born March 27th, 1927 in Harlem, New York. Grace was the eldest of six siblings, five preceded her in death, leaving (Carlie Garrison) as the surviving sibling, born to George and Gladys Royal.

Grace and her siblings were raised in the village where they attended New York City public schools until the 1930's, then relocated to Harlem where she later met her husband, Joseph James Ellison, Sr (deceased). Grace and Joseph exchanged vows in 1951, and gave birth to their first child, Darlene Anne. Darlene was later joined by Toni Elizabeth, Josephine Cecelia, Joseph James (deceased), and Ralph Michael. Joseph was given an honorable discharge from the United States Army and returned home to raise his children and work while Grace became a wife, mother, and caretaker.

Our beloved Grace began a career as accountant with Bankers Trust in 1969. Throughout her career, Grace balanced motherhood after the passing of Joseph, and went on to become a civil rights activist for women's rights. In later years, Grace entered an early retirement in 1984 to care for her grandchildren, which led her to reside in Newark, New Jersey until she eventually relocated to Virginia in 1989. Grace thrived in the south, obtaining her GED, working with the Alexandria Archaeology Institute in which she received honorable recognition for her contributions in assisting the research department. Education was a passion that brought her absolute joy once she became a teacher's assistant, but her family took precedence over anything else in Graces' life, as she led by example and was the epitome of a strong black phenomenal women.

Grace E. Royal-Ellison leaves to cherish her memories three daughters: Darlene Ellison of Virginia, Toni Ellison-McKenzie (John McKenzie) of New Jersey, Josephine Ellison of Massachusetts, and a son Ralph Ellison of Massachusetts; 11 grandchildren, Dean Turner of Virginia, Tanya Ellison-Battle (Barry Battle) of Virginia, Shantelle Brown of Georgia, Adamia Norman of Pennsylvania, Dax Ellison of Virginia, Elon Greene of Virginia, Earnest Ellison of New York, Trina Williams (Travis Williams) of Virginia, Lataysha Logan (deceased) of Connecticut, Latoi Logan of Virginia, and Darnelle Harvey of New York.

Grace also leaves behind a host of great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law; Joyce Royal (Richard Royal), nieces, nephews, cousins, loving friends, and colleagues who will truly miss her. She was our family matriarch!



Acknowledgement

The family of **Grace Royal** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy and prayers so graciously extended.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

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