



*Forever In Our Hearts*

*Celebrating*  
THE *Life*  
OF

*Alice Ann Davis*

Sunrise:  
November 19, 1936

Sunset:  
December 14, 2020

**SERVICE:**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020 - 11:00 AM**

**ELMWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

135 Elmwood Avenue • East Orange, NJ 07018

**Reverend Maria Crompton, Senior Pastor**

**Reverend Dana Owens, Officiating**  
**Myron Smith, Organist**



# *Worship & Celebration*

Processional .....Clergy, Family & Friends

Invocation ..... Pastor Dana Owens  
*Messiah Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ*

Musical Selection.....When We All Get to Heaven  
*(Congregational Hymn)*

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 23 ..... Bobby Battle, Brother

New Testament - John 14:1-6 ..... Monya Taylor Davis, Daughter-in-law

Prayer of Comfort ..... Cathedral Baptist Church

Musical Selection..... “Wind Beneath My Wings”, Tyrone Dunlap

Acknowledgements..... Brenda Veale, Sister

Expressions of Love & Remembrance..... Family & Friends

Obituary Reading ..... Danielle Wilson Johnson, Niece

Musical Selection..... “Going Up Yonder”, Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy ..... Pastor Dana Owens

Benediction ..... Pastor Dana Owens

## Recessional

*Interment*  
Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

# *Obituary*

*A*lice Ann (Battle) Davis arrived in this world on Thursday, November 19, 1936 to Alice Louise (Stephens) Battle and John Oliver Battle in Wilson County, North Carolina. “Ann,” as she was called, shadowed her mom, especially in the kitchen. Alice Ann initially attended grade school at Bynum School, a Rosenwald built school for educating African American (Colored) Students in Wilson County and Fredrick Douglas Middle School in Elm City, North Carolina. Alice would go on to graduate from Springfield High School in Lucama, North Carolina. In high school, she dedicated herself to academic excellence while being a valued member of the girls basketball team and a trumpeter in the school’s band.

Due to the premature passing of her mother during childbirth at age 32, Alice was thrust into the role of mother figure for her two sisters and five brothers at the tender age of 13. Alice took on the additional responsibilities with no complaints while continuing to attend school. Alice was being trained for her future role as a wife and mother of her own children. Upon completing high school, Alice Ann Battle married Rudolph Davis following in the steps of her brother Thurman Battle who married her husband’s sister Willistine Davis.

From the union of Alice and Rudolph came two beautiful children Joann Davis Jett (deceased) and Reginald Davis. Alice moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1957 where she started her working career at Western Electric in Kearney, NJ. Alice had a 29-year career at the company, although it changed names from Western Electric to AT&T to Lucent and finally Via Systems. Alice retired in 1991 from AT&T and again in 2001 from Via Systems.

Alice enjoyed a long and dedicated career and became a supervisor before retiring. Alice’s industrious attitude would lead to making ceramic lamps and vases as well as cloth oven mitts and pot holders, and sewing many clothes. She also had several business ventures including – selling Tupperware, Stanley products, Amway and women’s clothing to name a few.

Alice had style from head to toe, wearing beautiful St. John suits, designer dresses and fashionable hats. Alice always smelled as good as she looked. Whether she was going to work at 4:00 AM or to church on Sunday, Alice was always well put together. While fashion was her passion, cooking was how she shared her love. On any given day you could stop by the house and hear Reggie blasting his music all the way outside, only to enter the house and be greeted by heavenly smells of chopped barbecue chicken, collard greens, corn on the cob, homemade sweet rolls, fried chicken or fish, sweet potato pie, Hawaiian pie, cheese cupcakes, and more. Alice always believed in family first, so there were always holiday parties, birthday parties, brothers coming home from the service, and graduations just to name a few. She loved to dance, entertain and have a good time. Alice would have to put people out of the house so she could go to work or get more things done in the house. Alice was a person you came to for advice, financial support or just for some good common sense. As a single mother for most of her life, she put her faith in God, raised her children, put them through school, bought new cars, and always had money in the bank – often sacrificing her needs for the needs of others.

She earned her degree from the School of Hard Knocks and received her PhD in making ends meet. Alice was a phenomenal woman.

Alice leaves to cherish her memory her son Reginald (Monya), grandson Jonathan Jett, two sisters Brenda Veale and Eyvonne Wilson, four brothers Thurman (Willistine), Bobby (Wilhelmena), John (Mary), and Herman (Cathy), as well as a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Alice Louise and John Oliver Battle, as well as her daughter Joann, and brother James. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.





# *A Tribute to Our Mother*



*It was God's grace that He used you  
as the vessel to bring us into this world.  
Because of this, we are marked with your lovely fingerprints.  
We only hope to be as wonderful as you.  
Your style, your smile, your wit that never quit.*

*Your caring, your sharing so much of yourself with so many.  
We never got jealous because  
there was always enough left for us.  
With you we never thought about what we didn't have  
because you filled us with joy and love  
every second of every day.*

*You had uncommon "common sense."  
You taught us everything,  
how to be God fearing, kind, giving considerate,  
always taking the high road, independent,  
industrious, entrepreneurial,  
how to squeeze a penny, achieve excellence  
in everything we did and so much more.*

*We are because you were. Our North Star,  
our Hero, our guardian and Angel.  
Now you have your wings and  
God can say well done my good and faithful servant.*

*Reginald Davis and Joann Davis Jett  
In Loving Memory*





# Precious Memories









# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with the times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free!





# God's Garden

God looked around his garden, and found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Thurman Battle

Bobby Battle

John Battle

Herman Battle

Reginald Davis

Jonathan Jett

Stephen Shaw

## Note of Appreciation

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for the outpouring of love and support that you have shown us during this difficult time. Words cannot express how touched we have been by your heartfelt expressions of sympathy. Our hearts will forever be warmed by the way you have honored Alice's life and legacy.

**Special thanks to loving caregivers Rachel Jones and Melicia Milburn.**

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