

Homegoing Services for



Ethel Parks

Sunrise: November 30, 1935

Sunset: June 7, 2021

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Visitation: 10AM – Services: 11AM

Soul Saving Station Church

302 W. 124th Street, New York, NY 10027

Bishop Robert I. Winley, Officiating

Her Story

Ethel Parks was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 30, 1935 to the union of William and Versie Parks who preceded her in death. Ethel was the baby of the family. Siblings, Jessie (Henry Swain, Sr.), Louise (Willie B), Dupree (Mamie), Samuel, Catherine, Lorraine and Wentz all preceded her in death.

Ethel attended Chicago's Harrison Technical High School where she graduated on June 23, 1954. Auntie Ethel decided that she wanted something different in her life and moved to New York to pursue a career in modeling and acting. Auntie appeared in the 1970 movie *Cotton Comes To Harlem* with Redd Foxx, Raymond St. Jacques, Godfrey Cambridge, Judy Pace and other stars. Auntie also performed as an actress and singer in a number of plays with The New Heritage Repertory Theatre in Harlem and other films. She was a very hard worker and took pride in all that she did. She worked for the Post Office until she retired on September 30, 1992, after 25 years of service.

Ethel joined Soul Saving Station Church over 20 years ago under the leadership of Bishop Robert I. Winley and was a faithful member of the congregation right up until the day the Lord called her home.

Auntie Ethel was a very quiet, soft spoken strong woman who loved to travel. Auntie enjoyed trips with friends and co-workers, but had no problem going on vacation by herself. Auntie often came to Chicago, picked up her sister-in-law Mamie and together they would go to places like, California, Vegas, and New Orleans.

Auntie loved Chicago and always considered it to be her home. She loved going on Michigan Ave and when she came to Chicago she would always say "I'm going on State Street that Great Street" and off she would go, by herself on the bus and train for the day. She was last in Chicago in 2008, but was not able to return because God had different plans.

On June 7, 2021, God said my child it's time for you to take the best and the last trip from this earth and said Servant Well Done. Now come on up to be with your Heavenly Father and Family.

Ethel never married or had biological children, but was blessed to have many nieces and nephews to love and to love her. She leaves to cherish her memories: her New York nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, Cheryl Swain Ellison (Herman Ellison), Warren A. Swain-Ellison, Sara E. Ellison, Henry Swain, Jr., Jayson A. Swain, Courtney M. Swain, Nanette Swain, Neville W. McFarlane II (Mary McFarlane), and Ebonie M. McFarlane; and Chicago nieces and great nieces and nephews, Pamela Burrell (Richard), Kimyetta Taylor (Raphael), Dupree Clark, and Amanda Clark; cousin, Verlie Jean Hellon of San Bernadino, California; and a host of other great nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

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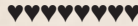
AUNTIE ETHEL'S JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN

DON'T THINK OF HER AS GONE AWAY, HER JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN. LIFE HOLDS SO MANY FAUCETS, THIS EARTH IS ONLY ONE.

JUST THINK OF HER AS RESTING FROM SORROWS AND THE TEARS, IN A PLACE OF WARMTH AND COMFORT WHERE THERE ARE NO DAYS AND YEARS.

THINK OF HOW SHE MUST BE WISHING THAT WE COULD KNOW TODAY HOW NOTHING, BUT OUR SADNESS CAN REALLY PASS AWAY.

AND THINK OF HER AS LIVING IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE SHE TOUCHED. FOR NOTHING LOVED IS EVER LOST, AND AUNTIE ETHEL IS LOVED SO MUCH.



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

Acknowledgement

***The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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