



*Granny*

~ From grandchildren~

*I love you granny  
Forever and a day  
I am so sad that you had to go away  
I will try and understand  
That your purpose was fulfilled  
I just can't stop the tears from falling  
thinking of all the love you instilled*

*I will miss you granny  
Your laugh and sweet voice You answered God's calling  
And you made the perfect choice  
Now I have an angel  
Watching over me  
I love you my granny  
You mean the world to me  
When I begin to cry  
And the tears start to fall  
I'll remember you are in a better place  
And that's the best part of it all*

*Written by, Shannell G. Griggs*



*If Tears Could Build A Stairway*  
~ From sister~


*If tears could build a stairway, and memories were a lane.  
We would walk right up to Heaven, and bring you back again  
No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness, and secret tears still flow  
What it meant to love you, no one can ever know  
But now we know you want us, to mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times, life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts, is where you'll always stay.*

*Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Rev. Dr.*  
*Ethel M. Bland*

  
*Sunrise*  
*July 7, 1925*



*Sunset*  
*June 5, 2022*

*Service*

*Thursday, June 16, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.*

**Unity Missionary Church**  
98 Putnam Street • Paterson, New Jersey  
*Bishop Monroe Gilbert, Officiating*

## Reflections of Life

**Rev. Dr. Ethel M. Bland** was born July 7, 1925. She was the daughter of the late Bishop Albert and Grace Almeta Bland of Englewood, NJ.



She attended and graduated from Westwood High School. She went on to nursing school, where she received her Licensed Practical Nursing degree. She was employed at the Bergen Pines Regional Hospital in Paramus, New Jersey for 27 years before retiring.

Rev. Dr. Ethel Bland answered the call of God to preach and teach the gospel and she never wavered from the calling.

Rev. Dr. Ethel Bland joined the Unity Missionary Church under the leadership of her father in 1957. She was one of the founding members. She devoted many years of her life to the faithful service of ministering, teaching and counseling Christian principles. She was a Bible class teacher since 1969. She was licensed in 1972 at Unity Missionary Church and ordained in 1977. In 1999 she received her Doctorate of Divinity degree from Shiloh Theological Seminary, Stamford, Virginia.

Rev. Dr. Ethel Bland was the founder of Christian Women United for Christ Association of Englewood, NJ in 1988. She became the fourth Pastor of Unity Missionary Church serving from 1999 – 2022. All who followed Rev. Dr. Ethel Bland knew her to be a powerful, mighty preacher, inspired and devoted teacher, and a strong believer in the power of prayer.

She attended The Hawthorne Bible School, Hawthorne, New Jersey. She also attended the Ambassador College, Pasadena, California, The Calvary Grace Bible Institute, Pennsylvania, PA, Eagles Nest Bible School, Dallas, Texas, The Unity Missionary Evangelist and Gifts Class, under the leadership of the Late Bishop Albert Bland, and worked along with the Rev. Billy Graham as counselor in New York City and New Jersey. She was a graduate of Christian United Institute and Seminary in New York, she was a member of the Ecumenical Bible Group of Teaneck, NJ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister Katherine Cooper-Brinson.

On Sunday, June 5, 2022 (Pentecost Sunday) after a lifetime of service, Pastor Ethel M. Bland departed this life and entered eternal rest at her home.

She leaves to remember wonderful and precious memories her one daughter Rev. Dr. Ethel Crews, two granddaughters Carla Shields and Stephanie Stehl, 4 great grandchildren, 20 great-great grandchildren, 1 great-great-great grandson, her devoted sister, Beatrice Truesdale, nieces, nephews, other family members, friends and the Unity Missionary church family who will miss her dearly.



### *Phone Call To Heaven* ~ From daughter~

*If I could make a phone call to Heaven  
I would only need a few minutes to say*

*That I've missed you every  
moment that you've gone away  
I wouldn't take too much time  
because I know you are at peace*

*Just want to hear your voice  
one more time say you love me*

*I've been doing well  
Thinking about you up there  
Managing life without you,  
Still wishing you were here*

*I just want to pick up the phone  
And make one call*

*A phone call up to Heaven to say I love you  
That's all*

*Written by, Shannell G. Griggs*

## Order of Worship

**Organ Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament: Minister Shawn Bland  
New Testament: Bishop Monroe Gilbert

**Prayer Of Comfort**

Rev. Wayne Fisher

**Acknowledgements**

Rhonda Bland

**Selection**

Unity Missionary Mass Choir

**Reflections Of Life**

Dr. Robert M. Harris

**Remarks**

**Selection**

Unity Missionary Mass Choir

**Message of Comfort**

Dr. Lomax R. Bland  
Christ Pentecostal Community Bible Church  
Inwood, New York

**Recessional**

### Interment

George Washington Memorial Park  
234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, New Jersey