

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Elizabeth Kearney

Sunrise
May 4, 1937

Sunset
April 7, 2025



Thursday, April 24, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor N. Princess Jones Curry, Officiating

Keith Oden, Organist

Elizabeth's Life Story

Elizabeth Hymon Kearney affectionately known as “Liz” graced this world with her presence on May 4, 1937 in Warren County, North Carolina. She was born to the late Phil Hymon Sr. and Irene Russell Hymon.

Elizabeth received her education in the Warren County School system and graduated from John Hawkins High School.

Elizabeth accepted Christ at an early age, and joined Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church (North Carolina). She later became an avid member of Christ Temple Baptist Church (New Jersey) until becoming ill.

Elizabeth's journey took her from Warren County, North Carolina to Paterson, New Jersey in 1956. With her late husband at the time William “Bill” Kearney; and from this beloved union two children were born. William Kearney Jr. and Mark Kearney. Elizabeth along with her husband purchased a home at 49 Holsman Street. 49 Holsman Street became the social Nucleus for fellow family and friends who soon would follow in the young couple's migration steps from Warrenton to Paterson. The home also became a stable foundation for future generations to come.

Elizabeth gained employment at Spotless Cleaners and Accurate Box Company both in Paterson, New Jersey. In the late eighties, Elizabeth found her fulfillment as Home Health Aide. Elizabeth's dedication and compassion for her patients remain until her retirement.

Elizabeth's personality was that of a “fire cracker”. Once you heard, “Come here pudding” you knew it was Elizabeth to greet you with her famous smile. Her laughter was unique. Her smile was contagious. However, Elizabeth was “blunt”. Cross her; and she would have a “few choice words for you” which would render individuals speechless.

Elizabeth would conquer adversity in her life with her faith. God granted her victory over many changes that would arise in her lifetime. Elizabeth after retirement moved from Holsman Street to The Riverview Towers. Surrounding herself amongst her beloved nieces; family and friends creating another chapter on her journey. Elizabeth's devotion to her sons provided love; strength; wisdom and unwavering kindness.

On Monday, April 7, 2025. Elizabeth peacefully departed this life leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Elizabeth was predeceased in death by her son, William Kearney Jr.; parents, Phil Sr. and Irene Hymon; one brother, Phil Hymon Jr.; sisters, Mary H. Watson, Minnie H. Townes, Mae Ella H. Alston, Anna H. Davis, and Cora Lee H. Simes.

Her memories will forever be engraved in the hearts of her family: son, Mark Kearney of Paterson, NJ; her three grandsons, Bernard McKnight of Neptune, NJ, Quashon Kearney of Paterson, NJ, and Alquan Joyner of Metairie, Louisiana, three brothers-in-law; Ervin Kearney of Warrenton, NC, Bobby Kearney (Ada), of Newark, NJ and Earl Roger Kearney of Paterson, NJ, and nieces, Bertha Massenburg and Mamie Kearney of Paterson, NJ; a dear friend, Vincent Wilkerson; and a host of great-grandchildren, other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament-Psalm 27

New Testament- John 14: 1-6

Family

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Remarks & Reflections

Please limit to two minutes

Acknowledgements & Elizabeth's Life Story

Tracey Williams

Musical Selection

Message of Comfort

Pastor N. Princess Jones Curry

Koinonia and Christian Ministries

Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

1137 N Broad Street

Hillside, NJ 07205

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

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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