



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Alyce Elizabeth English*

*Sunrise*  
September 4, 1922

*Sunset*  
May 22, 2012

Service

Tuesday, May 29, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

**Rev. Dr. Edward Culvert, Officiating**

**Marvin Hadley, Organist**

## Obituary

**Alyce Elizabeth English** was born on September 4, 1922, in Hanover County located in Virginia. She was the second of eight children born to Delia and John Thomas. Alyce peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 surrounded by her loved ones, at the Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan. She was eighty-nine years old.

Delia and John Thomas raised their family in Harlem, New York and lived at 2087 Madison Avenue between 131<sup>st</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Alyce attended elementary school at Public School 124 and junior high school at Harriet Beecher Stowe (Public School 136). She also attended and graduated high school in New York City.

Alyce married her childhood sweetheart, Harden English, on August 10, 1940, in New York City. They became the proud parents of four children, Dorothy, Joyce, Patricia and Reginald.

Alyce was a faithful member of Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in Harlem and sometimes accompanied her daughter Dorothy to St. Ambrose Episcopal Church also in Harlem. As Alyce's illness progressed, she expressed sadness about not being able to attend church every Sunday.

Alyce worked in New York at the VA Hospital as a Nurse's Assistant, and at Saint Martin's Church Credit Union as a Financial Assistant. She retired after years of dedicated service due to her failing health.

Affectionately known as "Al" or "Nana", she was always smartly dressed and the life of the family circle. Alyce was a loving and caring mother and grandmother, but not afraid to put people in their place. Above all, Alyce was a fighter. A three-time cancer survivor, she was always determined to follow her own course and, to the end, her mind was sharp as a tack.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Harden English; her daughter, Dorothy Randolph; her brother, James Thomas; and her sisters, Edith Sanders, Ruby Thomas, Rosetta Keggler, and Ruth Mitchell.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Joyce Rector and Patricia Gardner; her son, Reginald English; her son-in-law, Charles Rector Jr.; her granddaughters, Sharelle Gardner Moore, Natasha Randolph and Felicia Rector; her grandson-in-law, Peter Moore; her great-grandchildren, Elias Moore and Indigo Moore; her sister, Kathleen Wright; her brother, Sam Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, loved ones, and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Family Tribute  
Reginald English

Remarks

Obituary  
Sharell Gardner

Selection

Eulogy  
Rev. Dr. Edward Culvert

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

### **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

## *Come To Me*

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by her  
And saw her in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting her cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased her suffering, gave her rest  
She is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger  
Round the place where she rests.*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences  
and best wishes during our time of bereavement.



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