

In Loving Memory of



Ernestine C. Ellison

Sunrise
June 29, 1942

Sunset
July 4, 2012

Service
Tuesday, July 10, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

FRIENDLY BAPTIST CHURCH

962 Ogden Avenue • Bronx, New York

Obituary

Ernestine Cotton Ellison was born in Tarboro, NC on June 29, 1942. On July 4, 2012 approximately 1:15 p.m. After a long bout with Cancer, she received her independence from the body and went home to be with the Lord.

She was the third child of five children born to the Late Virgil and Katherine Cotton. The family relocated to Newport News, VA. in the year 1945. Ernestine attended Newsome Park Elementary School and graduated from George Washington Carver High School of Newport News, VA. in 1961. Shortly after graduating High School she migrated to New York City. For twenty-five years she worked for the General Electric Corporation, Mt. Sinai Hospital and her final work place before retirement, the Bank of NY.

In 1967, she gave birth to her son, Darryl Wesley Wright, her only child whom she so dearly loved. On June 26, 1982 Ernestine was united in holy matrimony to Samuel Ellison, Jr. She often expressed her desire to leave this life with her husband and to fly away into the arms of her creator. No matter how painful or how sweet, they had no secrets between them and shared thirty wonderful years together, happily married. Samuel was a very devoted husband to Ernestine which was quite obvious to everyone who knew them. Fondly known as Tina, she was always the life of the party with friends and family, always full of laughter and her jovial spirit endeared her to one and all.

She was a member of Friendly Baptist Church and served on the Sick Committee. Sending greeting cards to the Sick and Shut In was serious business to Tina and she did not take it lightly. She loved her church and her Pastor, Rev. Sutton. Her favorite song was "If It Had Not Been for The Lord on My Side Where Would I Be". She would always conjure up enough energy to sing along. Also, during her hospitalization, her sister would sing "I'll Fly Away" and she would do her best to say those words.

Tina loved bowling, her Social Club "The Satin Dolls" who sponsored a number of social events throughout the year, and she always looked forward to her Girlfriend's Reunion which originally was her idea. Once every year the Girlfriends get together for a weeklong vacation.

She leaves to treasure sweet memories: her devoted husband, Samuel Ellison, Jr; son Darryl Wesley Wright; stepson, Omeg Ellison; stepdaughter, Ashantia Ellison; five sisters, Mary Cotton, Rosa Daniel and K. Verlene Cordell (Earl) residing in VA. Beach, VA. Betty Keith (Leon) of Bronx, NY and Ruth Mae Waller of Battlesboro, NC; sisters-in-law, Joann Ellison of NYC and Debra Ellison of Bronx, NY; brother-in-law David Ellison; granddaughters, Tyler Wright of VA. Beach, VA., Amari Ellison of Bronx, NY; grandson, Sean Wright of Chula Vista, California; a very dear friend, John Wright; like a brother, Robert Cunningham; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, in-laws, friends, and acquaintances.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord."

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Mr. Scott Tolbert

Processional Ministers and Family

Invocation

Musical Selection “If It Had Not Been For The Lord”

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Pastor Darnell Bailey
Cathedral United Baptist Church

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Selection “When We All Get To Heaven”

Acknowledgements Sister Jackie Bartley

Reflections Mrs. Betty Cotton Keith

Obituary Sister Jackie Bartley

Selection “I’ll Fly Away”

Eulogy Rev. Albert Sutton, Sr.

Selection “We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

Benediction Rev. Albert Sutton, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York



To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone*

*So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart*

I won't be far away, for life goes on

So if you need me, call and I will come

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear

All my love around you so soft and clear

And then, when you must come this way alone

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Mrs. Ernestine Ellison** wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation the love you have shown during the illness and passing of our beloved one.

Your prayers, phone calls, comforting messages, cards, flowers and any other expression of kindness and concern have been an inspiration to us all during this time of bereavement. May God forever keep each of you in His tender mercies and loving care.

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