

*In Loving Memory of*

*Alice Johnson Wylie Nelson*

*Sunrise*

November 11, 1929

*Sunset*

June 13, 2013

Service

Thursday, June 20, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

**ALLEN TEMPLE AME**

322 Franklin Avenue • Mount Vernon, NY

*Reverend Hugh B. Marriott, Officiating*

# *The Life and Legacy*

## **Alice L. Johnson Wylie Nelson**

Alice was the ninth child born to the late Henry and Geneva Johnson. Alice was born and educated in Jacksonville, Florida. Her trust and faith in God and His son Jesus Christ, began at an early age for Alice. In Jacksonville she worshipped at St. Stephens AME Church.

After graduating high school, Alice moved to New York to pursue a nursing career. Alice attended and graduated from Beth Israel Nursing School. She continued her nursing career in hospitals and private duty assignments for the next sixty years. She also attended Concordia College in New Rochelle, NY to enhance and continue her knowledge and education.

In New York, Alice met and married the late John Thomas Wylie. One daughter was born from that union; Paulette Alicia Yarborough. Alice continued to give her honor and praise to God, after moving to New York by joining Bethel AME Church in Harlem, NY. She served as a faithful member of Bethel for many years. Once she relocated to Mount Vernon, NY, Alice joined Allen Temple AME Church. Alice served in many roles at Allen Temple; Head of the Steward Board, Trustee, Treasurer, just to name a few. She was the chairperson and member of other committees too numerous to mention.

Alice later met and married her devoted husband, Lucious Nelson, Jr. At this time she became the stepmother to Tracey Nelson Hardaway. Lucious was by her side when Alice left this life to enter God's Kingdom.

Her service did not stop in the church or the medical community. Alice became a member of St. Cecelia's Chapter #47, Order of the Eastern Stars in 1958. She has been an active member, leader and groundbreaker ever since. She was Past Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter, Past Royal Matron of Queen of Sheba #173 Amaranth, Past Most Ancient Matron, Esther Court Heroines of Jericho, Past Chief Council of Martha Council Lady Knights, member of Fredericka Palace #1, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of Almas Court #15, AAOD of Sphinx, Past Exchequer of Supreme Grand Court, Daughter of Sphinx and finally, Supreme State Deputy of New York. Alice served in all of these roles tirelessly.

Alice is survived by: her husband, Lucious; her daughter, Paulette Alicia Yarborough and son-in-law, Tony Yarborough; stepdaughter, Tracey Nelson Hardaway her son-in-law, Norman Hardaway; grandsons, Christopher Wylie and Sterling Hardaway; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, and sisters that loved her and will miss her greatly.

# *Service of Home Going*

Organ Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 121 ..... Sister Vernita Brown

New Testament - John 14:1-6 ..... Licentiate Yvette Joseph

Selection ..... Allen Temple AME Church Choir

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Hugh B. Marriott

Acknowledgements of Condolences ..... Sister Norma Brown

Solo ..... Sister Lillian Todd

Obituary ..... Tracey Hardaway

Church Resolution ..... Sister Norma Brown

Remarks (2 minutes)

Selection ..... Allen Temple AME Church Choir

Eulogy ..... Reverend James E. Booker

Committal

Recessional & Benediction ..... Reverend Hugh B. Marriott

**Interment**

Long Island National Cemetery  
Farmingdale, New York

# Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the  
Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;*

*Enjoying one moment at a time;*

*Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.*

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it. Trusting that*

*He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and*

*supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

The entire family would like to extend a deep appreciation and thanks for your prayers, acts of kindness, friendship and love that has been given during this time of bereavement.

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