

Thank You

THANK YOU ...she said...
When I gently kissed her forehead...
As she sat in the hospital bed...

THANK YOU
The last words I heard her say...

No... wait a minute...

THANK YOU!...Ma

For teaching me to tie my shoes...

For subscribing to "Highlights for children"...

For teaching me to sew...

For teaching me how to make bean pie...

For showing me how to excel in my studies...

For being a great role model for your family, friends, and co-workers...

THANK YOU...

I WILL MISS...but...Always... remember your... VOICE

THANK YOU...Ma...

Love eternally,
Ta-la-ha

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving
Memory
of



Ruth Elam

Sunrise

August 13, 1936

Sunset

October 25, 2013

Service

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Imam, Aqueel Mateen

Order of Service

Obituary Reading

Edith G. Taylor

Poem

THANK YOU

Remarks

Rahim Taylor & Karim Brunson

Imam

Aqueel Mateen



Interment

Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

*Repast will be held t the Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall
2433 Stuyvesant Avenue (@High Street) Union, New Jersey
(Make a left out of the cemetery and travel ten blocks, heading
towards Vauxhall Road. The VFW will be on your right-hand
side. There is a parking lot, directly in front of the VFW building.)*

Obituary

Ruth (Siddiqua) Hazelton/Brunson/Elam was born (Ruth Hazelton) in Newark, New Jersey to the proud parents of Mabel and Charlie Hazelton-El.

She attended Morton Street and Robert Treat Elementary Schools. She became a skilled pattern maker at Arts High School, and honed her sewing skills to become a professional seamstress. Her talent for sewing unique creations yield many satisfied customers, as she designed wedding gowns with intricate beadings. Ruth also attended South Side High School, and left at the age of sixteen, when she married Moses Wilbur Brunson. Four children were born of this union: James Dennis Brunson, Edith Gale Brunson, Rochelle LaVerne Brunson, and Wendell Brunson. She later married Roger (Masud) Elam in 1965. She returned to school at the age of thirty-three, and attained a G.E.D. Ruth enrolled at Essex County College, where she earned an Associates Degree. She was accepted into Seton Hall University, where she attained a Bachelor's degree. Ruth applied to Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, was accepted and earned a Master's degree. She become the first person in her family to do so. Ruth graduated with high honors from each of the three colleges she attended.

Ruth (Siddiqua) Elam worked as a Correction Officer, at the Essex County Jail, while attending college. She became an adjunct professor at Essex County College's Caldwell Campus, where she taught Sociology and Criminal Justice. Officer Elam was a tireless advocate for the rights of those incarcerated. She served on several committees, and attended workshops to enhance her knowledge and skill level. Ruth was promoted to the position of social worker at Essex County Jail, where she worked for twenty years, before retiring in 1994.

Ruth was preceded in death by her son, James D. Brunson; mother, Mabel Hazelton/Pettys; father, Charlie Hazelton; eldest sister, Bertha Hazelton; brothers, Elihue and Claudus (Kitab) Hazelton; and younger sister, Joanne Harvey. She is survived by her husband, Roger (Masud) Elam; sisters, Ravanna Winbush, Loretta (Hakima) Williams and Rosalie Pettys; cousin, Juliet Grant; she leaves behind three children, Edith G. Brunson (Fajr), Rochelle L. Brunson (Talaha), and Wendell L. Brunson (Karriem). She raised her oldest grandson, (Rahim Taylor), as if he were her own child. She will be missed by her beloved grandchildren, Rahim Rashad Taylor and his wife, Yvette Taylor, Nadiyah Aminah Brunson, Kashif Khalil Brooks, Jalila Sharifah Brunson, Karim Moses Brunson and great grandchildren, Charmaine Tay, Nadira Taylor and Zayn Shariff Robison. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

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