

Home Going Celebration
For
Elisha Davis, Jr.



Sunrise
January 30, 1932

Sunset
October 25, 2013

Service

Saturday, November 2, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

MT. NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH

1883 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY 10026

Pastor Johnnie M. Green, Officiating Minister

Obituary

“For we walk by faith, not by sight”

II CORINTHIANS 5:7

Elisha Davis, Jr., was born on January 30, 1932 in Belhaven, North Carolina to the late Elisha Davis, Sr. and Ellen Tyler Davis. Elisha married Mary V. Peterson and from this union there were three children, Denise, Reginald and Eric.

At the age of twelve he began working at odd jobs, cleaning and making deliveries for the local grocery store. He used his earnings to visit his uncle in New York City. Elisha graduated from Belhaven High School (BHS) in June of 1949, where he loved playing basketball. After graduation he bought a ticket from Trailways Bus Company and moved to New York where he began working for the Button Factory, earning enough money to rent a room for five dollars a week.

At the Button Factory, Elisha learned of a program where he could attend school to learn a trade and work simultaneously. He then worked at the Bolton Printing Company half-days while attending the New York School of Printing until he was drafted into the United States Army. He fought in the Korean War from January 1953 to November 1954, earning four medals: the Bronze Star, Combat Badge, United Nation Service and National Defense Service, after which he was honorably discharged.

Upon his return from the Korean War, Elisha completed a four-year certificate program at the New York School of Printing. He was the first African-American to work as a Pressman at the Altum Printing Press Company from 1954 to 1975. He continued his career and was promoted to become the first African-American Foreman at Claire Printing Company until its closing in 1988, after which he retired.

Elisha was affectionately known to his dear friends by the nickname “SMOKEY”.

Elisha was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church for the past sixteen years, who had great wisdom and knowledge of the Bible. Although he lost his sight, it never stopped his commitment to attending church service every Sunday, making the pilgrimage from Astoria, Long Island City to Harlem. It was evident in his dedication that he truly loved the Lord.

Elisha leaves cherished memories with: his wife, Mary; their three children, Denise Cheryl Davis, Reginald Davis and Eric Davis; three grandchildren, La' Vonne Martel Davis, Ebony Davis and Taylor Davis; four sisters, Ellavise Roger and Trude Elizabeth Kirby both of whom pre-deceased him, Mary Gladys Hallett (NYC) and Velma Murray of Belhaven, North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....	<i>Pastors, Family Members</i>
Presiding	<i>Gwendolyn Gaut</i>
Musical Solo	<i>Jackie Johnson-Lee</i>
Prayer of Comfort	<i>Dr. L. M. Mobley</i>
Scripture Reading:	
• Old Testament – Psalm 27	<i>Sister Theresa O’Neil</i>
• New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5:1 – 8.....	<i>Evangelist Doreen Jones</i>
Special Reflection	<i>Minister Gerry Johnson</i>
Remarks (two minutes).....	<i>Family/Friends</i>
Acknowledgment of Cards.....	<i>Rev. Belinda Parris</i>
Reading of Obituary.....	<i>Tina Robinson</i>
Musical Medley.....	<i>Sister Phyllis Freeman</i>
Eulogy.....	<i>Pastor Johnnie M. Green Jr.</i>
Final Viewing	
Recessional	

Pall Bearers

Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.

Interment

Monday, November 4, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Boulevard

Calverton, New York 11933-1031

Repast

Follows after service at the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

Heaven Has Gained An Angel

*As you complete this temporary journey
you have embraced our hearts*

*Yes we mourn but realize this is where your
life truly starts your smile sparkled greater*

*than silver and gold We're willing to let go of your hand so that
God can grab hold . We will always love you as you have continued
to love us all we ask now is that you look down while you are above
us we are grateful that God put us in the midst of your presence we
breathe with your memory and walk with your essence. The Lord is
our Shepherd He tends to us as sheep and mends the hearts that are
weak until one day we can shake his hand and sit at his feet we don't
think of you as a loss to our family that remains*

We cherish you as a beautiful angel that heaven has gained!

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

*The Davis family is deeply grateful for the many acts of kindness and
expressions of prayers during our time of bereavement.*

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