

*Celebrating The Life
and
Homegoing
of*

Ella Viola Taliaferro

Sunrise

April 25, 1918

Sunset

November 21, 2013

Service

Monday, December 2, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church

151 Broadway • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Robert H. Taylor, Sr., Pastor



Obituary

Ella Viola Taliaferro was born in Fort Mott, South Carolina on April 25, 1918 to the late Frasier and Ida Reese Davis. As an infant, Ella moved to Newark with her family where she attended the Newark Public School System and later completed two years at Newark State College. Afterwards, she became employed as a secretary with the Veterans Administration in Newark and East Orange in the audiology and speech pathology departments where she worked for more than 40 years. While a young adult, she met and married Edward F. Taliaferro in April 22, 1955, and from this union was born their son Edward F. Taliaferro, Jr.

Ella was a faithful member of Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church in Newark for 90 years where she served as a Sunday School teacher, an usher for over 80 years, a member of Women's Day Committee, and an AMEZ conference worker. In 2011, the Church honored her as one of its Distinguished Women. Ella also participated in the Plainfield, New Jersey Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. as an amicae member for over 30 years; she served as secretary and active member during that time.

A devoted mother and loyal friend, Ella was outgoing and friendly, always ready to share a kind word with everyone she encountered. Ella enjoyed reading, especially the Bible, traveling and spending time with family and friends. A highlight of her travels was her trip to Holy Land. She is survived by her only son Edward F. Taliaferro, Jr. niece Dr. Diane Blair (George Blair), grandnephews Jubba Seyyid and Fashade Afolabi, grandnieces Sobande Afolabi, Sosanya Afolabi and Rochelle Blair, among a host of other relatives and friends. She was predeceased in death by brothers James Davis, Lawrence McKenzie and sister Mary Robinson.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation Rev. Robert H. Taylor, Sr.

Church Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament (Psalm 23) Sobande Afolabi, Esq

New Testament (St. John 14:1-6) Rochelle Blair

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Robert H. Taylor, Sr.

Solo Dr. Annette McK. Anderson

Acknowledgements / Resolutions (*2 min. limit*)

Remarks on behalf of family Dr. Diane Blair

Reading of the Obituary Jubba Seyyid

Solo Stephen Fuller

Eulogy Rev. Robert H. Taylor, Sr.

Closing Prayer /

Benediction Rev. Robert H. Taylor, Sr.

Recessional “Soon And Very Soon”

INTERMENT

Glendale Cemetery

28 Hoover Ave. • Bloomfield, NJ

REPAST

Following the Interment, family and friends are invited to return to the church for the repast.

*In Loving Memory of
Ella Taliaferro*

The Footprints Prayer

One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, There was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, You would walk with me all the way; But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, There is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you.





With Grateful Appreciation

The family expresses its heartfelt gratitude for all the expressions of loving kindness, encouragement, and support shown during this time of bereavement.

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