

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Naomi Evans-Liggins**

*Sunrise*  
August 27, 1925

*Sunset*  
May 5, 2015



Service

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

132 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street • New York, NY

## Obituary

**Mrs. Naomi Jane Bethea Evans Liggins** was born in Lillington, North Carolina. Her family moved her to Fayetteville, North Carolina where she received her early education. In high school she caught the eye of Howard Evans, a senior. They married soon after he graduated. Together they became the proud parents of five beautiful children.

Mr. Evans' early demise left her a single parent who took every job opportunity possible to support her children, with the help of her mother and grandmother. A number of years later she moved to New York City to seek better job opportunities, leaving her children in the loving care of her mother, Elder Margaret Williams.

In New York City she met her second love interest, William Liggins, who predeceased her. From their union came her sixth child, William Liggins, III.

Mrs. Liggins took great interest in the Eastern Stars organization in 1960. Within that organization she rose to several outstanding positions, a few are, Instructor of the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree, Worthy Grand Matron and then Chair of the Benevolent Committee where she continued to serve until she transitioned.

Canaan Baptist Church of Christ became her chosen house of worship in 1967. During her years at Canaan she served as president of the Volunteer Club, on the Credit Union, led an anniversary celebration, and filled other responsibilities required by those positions. In recent years, she was proud to applaud her daughters' work in Canaan as they imitated her service.

Left here to celebrate her legacy are: her six children, Marilyn Sanford, Janice Clemons, Howard Evans, Jr. (Jean), Gloria Evans, Michael Evans (Bernadette) and William Liggins, III. From these children she shared the lives of twenty-five grandchildren, sixty-one great grandchildren and eighteen great-great grandchildren, and a host of special friends.

*Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Hymn of Consolation*

*Affirmation of Faith*

*Scripture Reading*

*Prayer of Consolation*

*Special Music*

*Remarks*

*Deacon Johnnie Davis*

*Deacon Howard Evans*

*Obituary (To Be Read Silently)*

*Solo*

*Queenie Armstead*

*The Eulogy*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Northside Cemetery*

*Fayetteville, North Carolina*

# *Come To Me*

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by her  
And saw her in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting her cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased her suffering, gave her rest  
She is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger  
Round the place where she rests.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late Naomi Evans-Liggins gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during their time of bereavement.*

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