

*A Celebration of Life for  
Our Mother  
Evangelist Elnora Williams*

**Sunrise**  
March 26, 1921

**Sunset**  
July 4, 2015



***Home Going Service***  
***Friday, July 10, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.***

**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
459-65 Avon Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07108  
***Rev. Wilton Gyant, Sr., Officiating***

## *Obituary*

**Elnora Williams** was born on March 26, 1921 to the late Laura and Isaac Williams in Coatopa, Alabama. Elnora passed away peacefully in Alaris at Kearny Nursing Facility at 9:30 am, on Saturday, July 4, 2015.

Elnora was educated in the Coatopa Public School System.

Elnora met her husband, Freeman Beville in Sumpter County. They were married on November 17, 1938. From this union five children were born, Carrie, Minnie, Barbara, Betty and Freeman. She was granted a divorce on January 19, 1953.

Elnora and her children moved to White Plains, New York in 1960 where she worked as a live-in housekeeper for several years.

Elnora relocated to Irvington, New Jersey where she joined Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Russell G. Coleman. She was licensed as an Evangelist under the leadership of Rev. Gerald L. Dickson. She was a dedicated and faithful church member for many years until her health failed in 2014. Elnora served as president of the Missionary Ministry, sang in the RGC Morning Choir, the Senior and Combined Choir. She was a loyal Sunday School student and a devoted Evangelist of the gospel.

Elnora was famous for the art of baking delicious cakes. She loved taking trips, bus rides, cruises and shopping. She enjoyed serving her family, especially on Thanksgiving.

Elnora was preceded by her ex-husband, Freeman Beville; one daughter, one son, two sisters and four brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters, Carrie Morton of Newark, New Jersey, Barbara Saunders of Garland, Texas and Betty Burton of White Plains, New York; four sisters, Laura Edwards and Emma Williams both of Roseville, Michigan, Candie Bell Spencer and Annie Vaughan both of Demopolis, Alabama; fourteen grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, other relatives, loyal friends and her beloved Zion Church Family.

# *Order of Service*

Processional.....Clergy and the Family

Musical Prelude .....Organist/Ahmed Wallace

Hymn of Praise..... “Pass Me Not”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Isiah Jordan

Musical Selection .....Zions’ Combined Choir

Remarks.....Daughters, Carrie, Barbara and Betty

Reflections ..... Family and Friends

Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....Sister Wanda White

Obituary.....Sister Dorothy Copeland

Soloist.....Sister Carrie Deed

Eulogy.....Rev. Wilton Gyant, Sr.

*Pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey 07108*

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Rosemount Memorial Park  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment family and friends  
are invited for the repast at Zion Baptist Church  
459-65 Avon Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07108*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

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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