

In Loving Memory of



Elaine M. Joseph

Sunrise

October 11, 1935

Sunset

September 27, 2015

Obituary

Elaine Monica Joseph was born on October 11, 1935 in Willikes Village on the idyllic island of Antigua, W.I. She emigrated to the United States in 1964 and resided in New York City's South Bronx and Harlem neighborhoods.

As a new immigrant and single mother of three, she worked tirelessly to support her immediate and extended families. No task was too menial for her to do. She worked as a maid, cook, nanny, and dog walker.

Despite initial struggles, she worked for the Newman family for over 40 years and in Harlem Hospital's Dietary Department for over 30 years. Determined to secure a better financial future, she attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College at night, while continuing to work during the day. After receiving her Associate's degree, she transferred to the College of New Rochelle where she earned her BA in Social Work.

As a church treasurer and beloved "Mother-in-Israel", Elaine was dedicated to her ministry. She fed the needy, gave thousands of dollars to the Sons of God Churches and various charities like Coocoo Village in Barbados and supported the Antigua Progressive Society.

A beautiful fashionista, Elaine enjoyed shopping, traveling to London, Paris and Hawaii, cooking, watching her soap operas and figure skating competitions, music and dance entertainment programs and cheering for both the Mets and Yankees baseball teams.

Most of all, Elaine delighted in talking about her grandchildren. She had hoped to instill in them the value of respect for all, regardless of station or status, a love of hard work and a sincere desire to serve God.

Elaine will be remembered for her courageous, generous, loving and kind spirit. As we celebrate her life today, we are grateful to the Almighty God for the time she spent with us. She leaves behind: her second mother, Mrs. Morgan; her children, Rudolph, Gayle and Vere; her son-in-law, Alfred; spiritual son, Vincent; daughters-in-law, Renee and Cara; spiritual daughters, Vicki, Crystal, Robyn and Cynthia; her brothers, Thomas (Bassie), Harold (Woodin) and Linroy; her sister, Georgette and brother-in-law, Lazman; sisters-in-law, Hyacinth, Carol and Olive; her ten grandchildren, Rudolph, Jr., Devon, Jovan, Keisha, Karen, June, Erica, Ayanna, Audrey Nora and Emma Grace; her eight great grandchildren, Alessandro, Marcelo, Micah, Judah, Anais, Kimiko, Torri and Gabbi; her nieces and nephews, Elsie, Gardenia, Kim, Anna, Rawle, Miles, David, Heather, Collette, Vlaun, Zinny and Onis; her numerous cousins, Delacey, George, Victorine, Cyrilene, the Martins and two-week old twins great-nephew and niece, Maxim James and Celine Rose, and many friends such as the Morgan, Buddo and Newman families.

Service

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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*Arch Bishop Alfred Marks and Bishop Vincent C. Hennix, Officiating
Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

Order of Service

Welcome Remarks

Consecration

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Selection

Remarks/Acknowledgements

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

*Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York*

Psalm 92

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever: But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore. For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make
all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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