

*The Life Celebration
Of
Esther M. Richardson*

October 10, 1934 – February 11, 2016



Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Viewing 10:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M.
Service 11:00 A.M.

Elmwood United Presbyterian Church
135 Elmwood Avenue
East Orange, N.J. 07018
Pastor Hodari S. Williams, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

*Call To Worship.....*Psalm 24*

*Opening Hymn“*Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand*”

Prayer

*Scripture Reading..... Old Testament: *Psalm 121*
Epistle: *1 Corinthians 15:51-58*

Soloist..... Jean James

AcknowledgementsCourtney E. Chambers

Remarks..... Abdul B. Ameer
Reuben Johnson, Jr.
Elmwood Presbyterian Women Association
The Historical Society of East Orange, Incorporated

Reading Of The Obituary..... Robyn Dawson-Bryant

Selection

Eulogy..... Pastor Hodari S. Williams

Closing Hymn..... “*God Has Smiled on Me*”

*Recessional

Interment..... Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth, N.J.

Pallbearers.....Abdul B. Ameer, Talib Ameer,
Roscoe C. Bryant, Jr., Reuben Johnson, Jr.,
Kyle Reeves, Wayne A. Shareef, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers..... Walter D. Chambers, Clyde Dawson

Repast immediately following the interment at the church.

*In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to
Elmwood United Presbyterian Church and
The Historical Society of East Orange, Incorporated*

*** Please Stand**

Obituary

Esther Mae Richardson of East Orange, New Jersey, passed away on February 11, 2016 at her home.

Born in Arlington, Georgia, Esther was the daughter of the late Deanna Hall Richardson and Ollie Richardson. She was the eldest of 8 children.

Esther was married September 22, 1973 to the late Herman Mathis.

Esther was educated in the Newark Public Schools. She attended Morton Street Elementary School, Robert Treat Jr. High School and South Side High School, where she graduated in 1954. She was an enthusiastic learner, majoring in business while in high school, where she also became a cheerleader.

Over the years, Esther was employed at Blue Cross Blue Shield, Kislak Realty and retired in 1999 after numerous years at NJIT.

Esther was a devoted Christian and long-term member of Elmwood United Presbyterian Church, a member of Elmwood Presbyterian Women, a Life Member of the NAACP and a member of The Historical Society of East Orange, Incorporated.

Esther is survived by 3 sisters, Elizabeth Chambers (Walter) of East Orange, N.J., Lucille Lee and Elaine Shareef, both of Kings Mountain, N.C. and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Esther was pre-deceased by siblings, Morell Richardson of Newark, N.J., Mollie Dawson (surviving spouse, Clyde) of West Orange, N.J., Ollie Richardson, Jr. of Newark, N.J. and Joseph Richardson of Newark, N.J.

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May God Bless you all.

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