

In Loving Memory of



Ella Mae Butler

Sunrise: September 8, 1937

Sunset: May 12, 2016

Service

Thursday, June 2, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

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Obituary

Ella Mae Butler, daughter of the late Luther Butler and Gladys Jackson Butler, was born in Savannah, Georgia, Chatham County on September 8, 1937. On May 12, 2016, Ella Mae went to the other side of the Mountain to be with Our Lord!

Ella Mae accepted the Lord in her life at an early age. She was a Catholic and went to Catholic school. In 1954, she graduated from Yorkville High School. She moved to New York on July 4, 1954 from Georgia, and New York has been her home ever since. She loved Harlem and she lived in Harlem most of her life! She went to college for eight years after graduating high school. She also served in the Airforce for twelve years then she came home and resided in Brooklyn, New York, where she met the late George Washington Black. They were together for years and they had two daughters, Eartha Lee Gaile Butler and Alice Alica Butler. When they separated Ella Mae moved back to Harlem and she raised her daughter, Eartha Lee Gaile because Alice passed away! Ella Mae became a school teacher while raising Eartha Lee Gaile in Harlem, giving Eartha Lee a wonderful childhood!

Ella Mae was a fun-loving, freehearted woman, who loved everyone and she always turned the other cheek on anything negative. She would give you the shirt off her back! She loved her mother and father and her daughter, Eartha Lee Gaile, as well as the rest of her family and friends!

At seventy-eight years old she leaves behind: one loving daughter, Eartha Lee Gaile Butler; six grandchildren, Shauntaya, Shakeen, Shaheen, Shakeena, Shaheena and Shamel; great grandson, William; one son-in-law, Jason H. Dowling; and many more family members, brothers, cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, great nieces, great nephews, great great nieces and nephews and many great cousins!

Ella Mae was the best and most beautiful woman I've ever known in my life! She will be sorely missed and truly remembered by all!

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Frederick Douglass Memorial Park
Staten Island, New York*

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

*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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