

*In Loving Memory of*



*Elizabeth McAlister*

*Sunrise: March 15, 1925*

*Sunset: May 30, 2016*

**Service**

*Monday, June 6, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

132 W. 116th Street • New York, NY

*Thomas D. Johnson, Sr., Pastor*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Hymn of Consolation

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Consolation

Special Music

Obituary (To Be Read Silently)

Solo

The Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

## *Interment*

*George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey*

## Obituary

On Monday, May 30th, 2016, a spirited soul, **Elizabeth McAlister** left her family to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Elizabeth was born in Allendale, South Carolina on March 15, 1925. She was the third child of the late Issac and Birdie (Davis) McDuffie. Scarlet Fever claimed her hearing and auditory abilities but did not stop her from exploring all that life had to offer. Seeking a better educational opportunity for Elizabeth, her mother moved the family to the north. Philadelphia is the place they settled and where Elizabeth would grow up to be a fiercely independent woman.

Growing up, her family attended Union AME Church. She went to a school for the deaf where she studied hard and developed lifelong friends. It was through these friends and the Philadelphia Black Deaf Social Network that she met her future husband, John D. McAlister. They married on February 4, 1951 and eventually moved to New York City. Elizabeth and John were blessed with three daughters. The family attended Saint Mark's Lutheran Church for the Deaf and Convent Avenue Baptist Church.

Her working career in the garment industry lasted for over forty years. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Upon retirement she and John moved to Philadelphia and finally bought their first house. While living there, they joined the "Society for the Helping Church". They both missed New York City so they moved back in 1990. Upon their return Elizabeth and John joined Canaan Baptist Church.

Elizabeth enjoyed traveling, playing bingo, and playing the penny slot machines!! Her favorite television shows were Let's Make A Deal, The Price is Right and Steve Harvey's Family Feud. She "loved", "loved", "loved" sweet potatoes and could eat one everyday.

She was also an active member of the deaf club at National Action Network / House of Justice.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John D. McAlister, three brothers, Israel, William and Ivory McDuffie, and sister, Jessie Ann Plaire.

Those left to cherish her memory are: her loving daughters, Henrietta (Gomez), Joan McAlister and Deanna McAlister; son-in-law, Dennis Gomez; her sister, Edith Branham; her grandchildren, Camille, KeVaughn, Mark, Brian, Shanay, Latia, Diane and Pamela; fourteen great grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and a host of cousins and friends.

*I've loved you always even when we were not in the same city. I know I'm going to miss you but I am looking forward to seeing you in heaven. I know you won't be lonely because Daddy, Mama, your brothers, Jessie and your loving husband, John are with you. **God Bless You!***  
*Your loving sister, Edith*

*JOHN 14:1-2 "Let your heart not be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you".*

# *I've Changed My Address*



*I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide.*

*I know there's no sorrow or crying,  
Because I've reached the other side.*

*I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place where you'll find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.*

*I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.*

*I have no burdens or heartaches  
and from tears I am now free.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place to find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion  
and my name is on the door.*

*You can find us walking together,  
for where He is, I'll always be.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.*

*-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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