

*Homecoming Service In Memory Of*



*Elcina Victoria Simon-White*

*Sunrise: December 6, 1935*

*Sunset: August 14, 2016*

*Friday, August 26, 2016*

*Viewing 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm*

*Service: 7:00 pm*

**UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH**

200 E. 127<sup>th</sup> Street • New York, NY 10035

*Pastor Naomi Solomon, Officiating*

*Mr. Fabio Alvarez, Organist*

## *Obituary*



**Elcina Victoria Simon-White** was born in Grays Hill, Antigua to the late Reginald Simon and Doris Jones. She was raised in Point Village. She was the eldest of Doris's five children. It is said that she was a very quiet child and was into her studies. She attended Ms. Godwin's Private School and it was there that she met Gwendolyn White. They quickly became best friends and forty years later would be sisters-in-law.

Sewing was her craft. She excelled in the art and later became a seamstress. Elcina held many jobs to help support her growing family. Her most known employment was at Twates Photo Studio & Ice Cream Parlor. People described her as a tall, statuesque woman with a great presence. As far as her children were concerned this was the best job that she could ever have. They would visit often hoping to get treats and they were never disappointed.

At home she was a no nonsense woman. Manners, respect and responsibility were instilled in a household of eleven children. This was no easy task. Some instantly adopted to these lessons but others like Veron and Devon not so much. These lessons are what her children passed on to their own children. It was in her home that she taught her children acceptance and unity. Whenever she needed help her brothers and sisters were always ready and willing to assist. They watched over their nieces and nephews as if they were their own. It was indeed the epitome of a family unit.

In 1978, Elcina immigrated to the United States seeking a better life and better opportunities for herself and her children. Her sister, Irose who was already living in the United States, in particular New York City, helped to guide her on this new chapter. The process of bringing her children to New York begins—she starts working as a Home Attendant working long hours and saving her earnings so that she could support her children who were still in Antigua. It was a long process, but she was dedicated to see it through.

After living in New York City for a few years she reconnected with her best friend, Gwendolyn White and her brother, Cecil. Elcina and Cecil realized their love for each other and married in 1984. With his support the dream of a better life for her children was achieved. By 1990, all of her children were with her again in New York City.

It was a full house filled with laughter, love and food. Elcina loved to cook, but she loved to bake even more. Her kitchen was always filled with the aromas of fresh bread, buns and bread pudding.

Eventually her children grew up and moved out, but the full house remained. It was the grandchildren's turn to get the laughter, love and food. It was the porridge brigade: rice porridge, cornmeal porridge, custard porridge, any kind of porridge was made and catered to every grandchild's preferences.

It didn't stop at the grandchildren, all children were welcomed. As the aroma from her kitchen waffled around the building you would see the neighbor's children peeping in the door. They suddenly realized that they wanted to play with the grandchildren and possibly stay over for some good food. All were welcomed with open arms full of love. All were spoiled with love and food.

Elcina was never one to say, "no" or deny anyone anything she had. "No" was not in her vocabulary. She never turned her back on anyone asking her to babysit their children for the weekend, or anyone who needed a place to stay for a while until they could get back on their feet. A full house was her life motto. She gave love and received it back. There was always enough of Elcina to go around for everyone, to anyone.

Elcina is preceded in death by her husband, the late Cecil White, her son, Rudholph Warner and her grandson, Sean Malone.

She leaves to mourn her children: Tracelyn Francis, Cheryl Jackson-Colbourne, Sharon Jackson-Thomas, Glenmore Jackson, Keithroy Jackson, Veron Simon-Pelle, Denise Simon-Pelle, Deon Francois, Devon Francois and Desiree Francois; her grandchildren in no order include, Edmond Francis, Mitchel "Craig" Francis, Renee Williams, Dwight Jackson, Michael Jackson, Xaviera Jackson, Khadijah Jackson, Maya Jackson, Alec Jackson, Ajone Jackson, Khristopher Jackson, Shane Rowe, Tristen Rowe, Avery Francois, Arielle Francois, Eliana Francois, Ziane Francois, Devon Francois, Jr., Zodia Simon, Mikeya Simon, Aliyah Simon, Noel Simon, Raine Simon, Jasmere Kirk, La-Verne Jackson, Anthony McKenney and Cheyenne Smith; nieces and nephews include, Karan Harris, Keith Harris and Royaleen "Dellie" Samuel; cousins include, the late Janice Jones and her family, Cutie Roberts and his family, Patrick, the late Mabel Reynolds and her family, Emerald Woodruff, Charles Jones, Eswell Lassie, Ann Jones, Aska Joseph and Carolie Anthony.

Elcina Victoria Simon-White, we love you and you will be surely missed!

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude & Processional

Invitation to Worship..... Pastor Naomi Solomon

Prayer

Congregational Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art”

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture/Old Testament - Psalm 19:7-14 .....Ian Glen Jackson

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture/New Testament - Matthew 5:1-9 .....Keith Harris

Tributes.....Family and Friends

Special Selection.....Carolyn Joseph

A Tribute in Memory of My Sister Elcina White:  
Prepared by Irose Harris, Read by Karen Harris

Offertory Hymn.....“Old Rugged Cross”  
Elcina White’s favorite

Obituary Reading.....Tracelyn Francis

Sermon.....Pastor Naomi Solomon

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Naomi Solomon

Benediction.....Pastor Naomi Solomon

Recessional Hymn.....“When We All Get To Heaven”

Organ Postlude

*Interment*  
*Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York*

*Repast will follow at 4:00 pm at  
225 East 149th St. Community Center, Bronx, NY 10451*

# *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 of **Elcina Victoria White** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for your prayers, calls, support and outpouring of comfort, love, and sympathy during our time of bereavement. God Bless you all.

For those who would like to attend the burial, we will be meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 9:30 am sharp at Unity Funeral Chapels, 2352 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, New York, NY 10027. The procession will be leaving the funeral home to the Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you and heartfelt gratitude to Jason Clarke and Phelicia Joseph for their care and commitment to Elcina during the last few years of her life.

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