



*Celebration of Life for*



*Ollie Alexander*

**Sunrise**  
September 13, 1917

**Sunset**  
January 26, 2017

## *Reflections of Life*

**Ollie (Shelton) Alexander** was born on September 13, 1917 in Blackstone (Nottoway County), VA. The Lord called her home on January 26, 2017.

She was the second of six children born to the late Issac and Janie (Richardson) Shelton. Ollie attended school in Nottoway County in Blackstone, VA. After graduating from high school she migrated to Ridgewood, NJ where she met her beloved husband Ernest (Billy) Alexander. They were married for 31 years and of this union had six children.

Ollie and her immediate family were members of Mount Gazarene Baptist Church, Blackstone, VA, where she gave her life to Christ at an early age. The church was co-founded by her paternal great-grandfather Reverend Sib Jones. Her uncle, Reverend King Shelton later became the assistant pastor.

Ollie and Billy settled in Paterson, where she became a dedicated member of Calvary Baptist Church, which she attended faithfully for over 50 years. During her time at Calvary Baptist Church, she was a member of the Golden Keys, the Progressive Women's Ministry and other auxiliaries.

In her early life, she was a certified cosmetologist, she later worked for Universal Lighting Company in Paterson, and retired as a seamstress from Neko Togs in Paterson, NJ.

Her love for her family was evident in her dedication to them as well as the Jones Family Union (descendants of her paternal great-great-grandparents), which has held annual reunions since 1969. Over the years, Ollie served as Secretary of the New Jersey/New York Chapter. She always endeavored to touch those that crossed her path, to raise their spirits and put a smile on their faces. She cherished her friendships, and always went the extra mile for her friends and family. Her children and grandchildren were the love of her life.

Ollie who was the last of her siblings and was predeceased by her husband Ernest (Billy) Alexander (1972), son Kerry Alexander (2004), daughter Marcia Alexander (2015), as well as her brothers, Leroy and William Shelton, sisters, Elsie Maddux, Bessie Alexander and Estelle Shelton.

To celebrate her life and cherish their memories, Ollie leaves her beloved son Ernest (Bettie) Alexander of Raleigh NC, devoted daughters Lyne (John) Brancato of Chesterfield, VA, Jackie Alexander and Diane Alexander both of Clifton, NJ. She also leaves four loving grandchildren, Kerrah Alexander of Rahway, NJ, Mikel Brancato, of Alexandria, Virginia, Elena Brancato of Chesterfield, VA and Meznika Shipman, of Paterson, NJ, as well as several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

*God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb,  
He gently closed her loving eyes  
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine"  
Her weary hours and days of pain  
Her weary nights are past,  
Her ever-patient worn out frame  
Has found sweet peace at last.*

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

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Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Pamela Powell

Recessional

**Interment**

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

22-21 Maple Avenue

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Ollie Alexander** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!

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