

*A Celebration of Life For*  
*Elois V. Jordan*

*Sunrise*  
May 21, 1933

*Sunset*  
February 15, 2017



**Service**

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**

351 W. Englewood Avenue • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

*Rev. Dr. John H. Spencer, Pastor, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Mrs. Elois Virginia Jordan (Gray)**, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina peacefully ascended to Heaven on February 15, 2017.

Elois Virginia, was born on May 21, 1933 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, to the late Herman and Daisy Gray.

Elois had four brothers: Herman Jr.; Thurman, Frank and Frederick Sr. all of whom preceded her in death. Elois graduated from her beloved, Booker T. Washington High School located in Rocky Mt. in 1951. During high school, Elois and her best friend, Annie Lee loved performing as majorettes for the local Elks Club. For the past 65 years, Elois always looked forward to her high school class reunions.

Close family relationships led Elois and her best friend, Annie Lee to move to New Jersey to live out their dreams in the New York/New Jersey area. Elois loved the New York City life and enjoyed the music, dance, and fashions that the Big Apple had to offer. She satisfactorily completed Charm and Poise training at the Loradell School in NY. As a nurturer, Elois pursued her passion to become a registered nurse, graduating from Bergen Community College. Her healing and compassionate spirit, which she received from her mother who was a midwife, led Elois to care for her mother, brothers and oldest daughter later in life. After many years of service at Bergen Pines, Elois retired in the early 90's. Elois found time to support the fight against racial hatred in America and was recognized for her support by having her name added to the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama.

Elois loved domestic and international travel. In addition to traveling, Elois was an avid bowler, quilter and stamp and coin collector. Leaving us so many stamps and coins we are not quite sure what to do with it all. She was a member of the Quilter of Color of New York City, the Quilting Club of the Senior Center in Teaneck and a member of the Bergen County Bowling Association.

Elois met and married Rudolph Porter, Sr. Their union produced Rudolph Porter, Jr. and Vernetta Lorraine Porter who preceded her in death. Elois later married William Jordan, their union produced Antoinette Marie Jordan. Elois loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Englewood where she and Ruby Reeves were known as the "plant ladies" at the annual church bazaar.

Elois leaves to cherish her memory: a son, Rudolph Porter Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Miller-Porter; a daughter, Antoinette Jordan; a granddaughter, Ericka Boyd; a grandson, DeNard Porter; and five great grandchildren, Raia, Trinity, Jada, Skye and Ocean; and a host of relatives and friends. Her family and friends will never forget the smile, laughter and quick wit she bestowed upon us all. We loved you in life and love you in spirit.



*Precious  
Memories*









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# *Order of Service*

Processional

The Invocation

Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Psalms 23

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Marilyn Peoples

Solo..... Vincent McCray

Reflections.....Reverend Marilyn Peoples

Personal Tributes..... Limit Two Minutes

Obituary..... Cheryl Miller-Porter

Solo..... Amos Johnson

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. John H. Spencer

Closing Benediction

Recessional.....“Going Up Yonder”

**Final Disposition**  
Cedar Lawn Crematory  
Paterson, New Jersey

## *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.*

*God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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