

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Erma Louise DeLarge, with short grey hair, wearing a white jacket over a dark top and a necklace. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. To her left are several white tulips with green stems and leaves. The background is white.

*Homegoing Service
In Blessed Memory
Of*

Erma Louise DeLarge

Sunrise
March 22, 1928

Sunset
March 17, 2017

Service
Thursday, March 23, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
1002 Rivington Street (Rev. Milton A. Byrd Corner)
Roselle, New Jersey 07203
Reverend Jeffrey Bryan, Pastor

Life Reflections

“Lord, What Will Thou Have Me Do?”

The grand lady, *Erma Louise DeLarge*, accepted her earthly assignment on March 22, 1928 in Apalachicola, Florida. She was the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Fagan Simmons. Erma left Apalachicola to seek career opportunities in the North and arrived in Long Island, New York in the spring of 1947. Erma completed her education at Morris High School in the Bronx and went on to further her education at New York City College. Since her migration north, she has resided in the Bronx, New York, Brooklyn, New York, and Newark, New Jersey. She finally made Linden, New Jersey her home in 1965.

Erma was employed as an assembly worker at Reed & Conwick Pharmaceutical Company in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Linden and in her later years, she joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey under the leadership of Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Sr. Erma was an active member of the International F. & A. M. Masons & Order of Eastern Stars since 1972 and was a member of Sisters of Corinthians #118 in Newark, New Jersey since January 1974. Erma held multiple offices in the Order from Torch Bearer to the Advisor, Supreme Recruit Deputy Council President, Grand Conductress and Worthy Matron of Sisters of Corinthians #118.

Erma had an enormous heart and loved her family and friends dearly. Erma often shared stories, life lessons, and quips to educate, encourage, or just make you laugh. In her former years, she would bake a 4-layer coconut and 3-layer chocolate cakes which became the favorites of many and the most requested.

She would like you to know that her work here is done. She departed from her earthly assignment on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 88... her new mission was assigned and she has accepted.

Erma was predeceased by her husband, Deacon Carey DeLarge; son, Timothy Smith; and grandson, Alfred B. Smith, Jr.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, her two sons: Alfred B. Smith and wife, Marine Caroline Smith, and Gregory DeLarge; eight grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of dear relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Parting View.....The Family

Selection

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences & Obituary

Solo

Eulogy.....Reverend Jeffrey Bryan

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited
to return to the Church for a Repast.*

Services Entrusted To:

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Family and Friends of **Erma Louise DeLarge**

Her Journey

Don't think of her as gone away,
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.
Just think of her as resting,
from the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days or years.
Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today,
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of her as living
in the heart of those she touched,
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.
- Anonymous

Acknowledgement

The family of **Erma Louise DeLarge** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this time of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.



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