

In Loving Memory of



*Marcelle B
& H*

Sunrise
June 30, 1941

Sunset
October 19, 2017

*Service
Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 10 a.m.*

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Obituary

Marcelle B. Ely was born to William and Bessie Thomas, on June 30, 1941 in Greensboro, North Carolina. She departed this life on October 19, 2017. She was predeceased by her parents, and two brothers Michael and Robert Thomas.

Marcelle graduated from Barringer High School in Newark, NJ, and attended Howard University, Washington, D.C., and the Berkeley Business School, East Orange, N.J. In 1972, **Marcelle** married Nathaniel Ely. The two were later divorced.

Marcelle was employed as a legal secretary by Crummy, DelDeo in Newark, N.J. She also worked as a customer service representative for Continental Airlines from 1996 until her retirement in 2009. **Marcelle** later was employed as an administrative assistant/resource coordinator inside the WISE Women Center at Essex County College in the FORGE (Female Offender Re-entry Group of Essex County).

Marcelle was an avid bowler and participated in many leagues and tournaments in the tri-state area. It was a well-known fact that **Marcelle** was an excellent cook with many specialties that were enjoyed by family, friends, and co-workers. **Marcelle** will be remembered for her fashion flair and her extensive shoe collection.

Marcelle became a member of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement in 2009, and served as a Trustee until her passing. She was a member of the Wisdom Council of Elders, and was awarded the Unity Fellowship Movement Bishops Award on October 8, 2017, in appreciation for her outstanding dedication toward the growth and work of Unity Fellowship Church, Newark.

Marcelle leaves to cherish her memory, her partner of 20 plus years Elnora Simpson of Carteret, N.J.; two brothers William (B.T.) Thomas Jr., and his wife Juanita of Ruther Glen, Maryland, and James Thomas of Newark, N.J.; nieces and nephews Terry Thomas, LaKeita Thomas-Dryden, HaKisha Newman, William Thomas III, Kasheema Williams, Marcellus Williams, LaTonya Thomas, Marshea Curtis, Ibn-Michael Thomas, and Eric Gilchrist; god-sisters Rev. Deborah Stapleton and Tomacine Carroll and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Elder Kevin E. Taylor, Officiating

Musical Prelude SunSum Drum Ministry

Opening Hymn “We Will Understand It Better By and By”

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Jerri Mitchell-Lee,
Unity Fellowship Church NewArk

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Rev. Donald Ransom

New Testament Rev. Deborah Stapleton

Gospel Medley Paul Gainer

Resolution, Acknowledgements

& Obituary Michelle Oohlala Bryant

Selection “More Than Enough”
Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Eulogy Elder Kevin E. Taylor,
Unity Fellowship Church NewArk

Recessional Clergy and Family

*Repast immediately following the interment
at Diamondz-N- da Ruff – 71 Clay St., Newark, NJ 07104*

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery
1621 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

To My Loved Ones

No reason for sorrow, no reason to cry.
Look toward tomorrow and I'll tell you why
My memories of you and yours of me
Are filled with love and laughter forever you'll see.
No reason to worry,
Nor question God as to why you have lost me.
No reason to say goodbye.
It's time for my journey home,
A beautiful and peaceful trip that I must make alone.
So, just be strong and keep a smile,
We'll only be apart for a short while.
The love I've known is a very special part,
The love I've shown came straight from the heart.
I leave you now to go on my way
To a wonderful place where we'll be together someday.
No reason at all as you can see.
I'm with my Lord. He'll take care of me.

Acknowledgement From The Family

The family would like to thank you for your prayers, words of comfort, cards, texts and visits. Although this is a difficult time, we find comfort in your support. We sincerely thank you and we will remember your kindness with grateful hearts.

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