

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Deacon Mary E. Ellerbee*



*Sunrise*  
*February 5, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*January 10, 2018*

*Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.*

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER AND OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
343-359 Van Houten Street  
Paterson, New Jersey

## Reflections of Life



**Deacon Mary Edith (Deese) Ellerbee**, affectionately called Mayedis by her family was born on February 5, 1937 to the late El ease and Robert Deese in Clio, SC.

Mary received her formal education in the South Carolina Educational system.

Mary met and wed the late James Ellerbee and relocated to Paterson, NJ in 1964. To this union, two children were born, Andre and Veronica.

Deacon Ellerbee joined Community Baptist Church of Love where she joined the choir, the Missionary Board and later became an ordained Deacon. She loved her church and was a faithful member. Mary loved the Lord and enjoyed reading the word of God. She was formerly a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Always looking her best, she was a sharp dresser donning stylish clothes and big hats.

Mary was employed at Van Dyk Health Care Nursing Home of Ridgewood for over twenty-five years until retiring in 2010.

Mary was a great mother, housekeeper and enjoyed cooking and baking, she also enjoyed playing checkers in the park with friends and taking long walks.

Such a strong woman with a soft voice, Mary was truly a servant of God. She was always willing to help others. She was known for offering words of encouragement. Mary was also an active member of the Food Pantry serving the Community and active in the Prison Ministry.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; El ease and Robert Deese, husband; James Ellerbee, two brothers, Roberts, Jr. and Charles “Bama” Deese and one sister, Arletha Wingate.

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, the Lord called her by name. She answered his call which led us to mourn our loss and rejoice in her victory.

Mary Edith Ellerbee leaves to carry on her legacy her son; Andre Ellerbee of Virginia, her daughter; Veronica (Ellerbee) Miller of Paterson, a special god-daughter; Jacquelyn Easterling of Bennettsville, SC, one sister; Annie Lou Deese; sister-in-law; Helen Deese both of Brooklyn, NY, three aunts; Hazel Ruth David and Iretta Smith of Bennettsville, SC, Costa-Mae Smith of Brooklyn, NY, seven grandchildren; Qasim Moseley, Yanei Moseley, Shanice Moseley, Xavier Ellerbee, Deon Ellerbee, Asmar Ellerbee and Elijah Ellerbee, three great grandchildren, a devoted niece; Myra Rainey and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members friends, neighbors and church members.



# Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF COMFORT

OLD TESTAMENT READING  
PSALMS 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING  
REVELATION 21:3-4

SELECTION

REMARKS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/THE OBITUARY

SELECTION

THE SPOKEN WORD

THE INVITATION

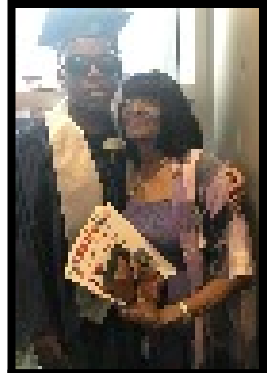
THE FINAL VIEW

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

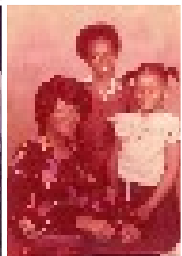
## **Interment**

Laurel Grove Cemetery  
Totowa, New Jersey



## *Mother*

We thought that you'd always be here,  
but now we see that God had other plans.  
Word can't express the pain we feel. You are our everything.  
You never failed to show your love for us.  
Through good and bad times, your unconditional love showed  
forth. It's time for you to rest without a worry in the world.  
You lived a great life. You touched so many lives and blessed so  
many people. What's left behind are great memories.  
Your work on earth is done we will trust  
in God to keep us thru this time and days to come.  
We thank God that he blessed us with a mother like you.  
Mary Edith Ellerbee! You were ONE IN A MILLION  
and we will always love you forever!!!



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Deacon Mary E. Ellerbee** 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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