

*A Celebration of Life*

*Eloise Brooks*

**Sunrise**  
**May 21, 1917**

**Sunset**  
**April 14, 2020**

**Monday, April 27, 2020 - 12 Noon**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**  
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**Bishop Robert Reed, Officiating**

# Obituary

**Mrs. Eloise Brooks**, known to so many who adored her as that precious name “Mama”, was born on that amazing day of May 21st, 1917. Eloise Brooks became an amazing blessing to her parents, Foster and Ellen Pace in her proud hometown of Saluda, South Carolina. Mama was one of nine children.

As the years moved along, she met and married her husband Samuels Brooks and from that union came five children, Samuel Jr., Leova, Bennie, Leo and Sharon. It was not long after Mama migrated to Brooklyn, New York. Eloise Brooks later became a forever tenant of the Harlem River Houses. She was the longest living tenant of Harlem River Houses. Mama being a woman of God quickly found and joined then the White Store Front Church, also known as, St. Matthews Baptist Church. She was the longest living member of St. Matthews.

She served proudly for many years as a devoted member of the Willing Workers Club. Mama could march. She was a fierce stepping sister. Mama would often receive calls to bake her famous potato pies and cakes from scratch. She also assisted St. Matthews with selling tickets for their famous bus outings. Her tickets would sell out fast and Mama would quickly have to return back to get another batch of tickets. Eloise was employed for many years at St. Luke’s Hospital as an office cleaner. She was highly requested by colleagues of her employer because of her skill of perfection and attention to detail.

Eloise enjoyed spending time with family. Some of her hobbies were those spontaneous road trips with her daughter, Leova and her son-in-law, Harry to Miami, Florida. After arriving in Miami, she would quickly head out to Miami Beach for an amazing shopping spree. She would bring all the latest fashion back to Harlem. Mama absolutely looked forward to going back to her hometown for the first Sunday in August at Zion Baptist Church. Her favorite singers were Jimmy Swager and Maxwell. You could always find Mama two-stepping on the dance floor to one of their songs.

Eloise was preceded in death by her husband, Samuels Brooks, great-grandson, Lacey, son, Leo Edwards and grandson, Little Leo. Those left with the tasks of honoring her memories are: her four children, Samuel (Laurina) of Chocowinity, NC, Leova Jenkins of NYC, Bennie (Barbara) of Palm Coast, FL and Sharon of NYC; her grandchildren, Jewel (Pumpkin), Zachary, Ralph (Butch), Cynthia (Bubbles) and Kayla; her great grandchildren, Leova, Latrell, Lanaya, Ashley and Scott; her great-great grandchildren, Latrice, Austin and Chance; as well as, her great great granddaughter, Lacey; Donald Houston who she took on as her own son; godson, Vernon Hall of NYC; goddaughter, Debby Buckson of NY; and her niece, Barbara Jean of Bronx, NY. A special thank you to Judy Gayle and Smiley for those special phone calls and Mansion for your amazing packages. Mike Hamilton for whom she took on as a bonus grandson, Raquana, her former caretaker, and a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.



*Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

"May I Be a Blessing"

Done Service

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Special Reflection

Granddaughter - Jewel

Obituary

Great Granddaughter - Charity

Selection

"I'll Fly Away"

Eulogy

Bishop Roadstead

Committal

Hi Mama,

We all miss you but Mama when you came onto this Earth for your walk-through you did it with style and grace. God gave you many good days and rough days went with it too, but you were the best mother. As we all take our walk-through we know as you always use to say “God is not going to be no better to me than anybody else”. Mama the soul maybe absent from the body but its present with the Lord. We maybe crying here on Earth but Mama you made it into the big house that’s built without hands and as we still weep, when you get to the big house God will say welcome.

Submitted in Sorrow,  
Leova

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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