

*Celebrating The Life*

*of*

*Eleanor Canteen Whittington*

*April 3, 1942 - March 7, 2022*



*Saturday, March 19, 2022*

*Celebration of Life*

*12:00 pm*

**Goodwill Baptist Church**

642 Crotona Park S.

Bronx, New York 10456

# Obituary

**Eleanor Canteen Whittington** was born April 3, 1942, in Galivants Ferry, South Carolina, to Mrs. Hattie Canteen Whittington and Mr. Columbus L. Whittington. She had four siblings: Mr. Abraham Heyward, Ms. Viola Yarborough, Ms. Sarah Winns, and Ms. Virginia Whittington. Eleanor was raised in Conway, S.C., where she attended pre-school through High School in Horry County School district.

In the 70s, Ms. Eleanor relocated to NYC, she resided at 820 Sharon House, the Bronx, NY where she lived for over 30 years. Ms. Eleanor was an advocate for tenants' rights and believed in empowering tenants through education and organizing to protect their rights, preserve their homes, improve their living conditions, and enhance the quality of life in their communities. She was instrumental in founding 820 Sharon House's Tenant Association. When tenants had complaints about housing adversities you can guarantee Miss Eleanor knew who to contact and where to go to get these concerns addressed.

Ms. Eleanor had a passion for early childhood education. She completed her Bachelor's Degree of Arts/Early Childhood Education degree from The College of New Rochelle in 1989. During this time Ms. Eleanor serviced children in her community as a group teacher with Gwendolyn Bland Day Care Center. She then went on to complete her Master of Science in Education from The City College of New York. She did this while facing the adversities of being an adult learner and raising her granddaughter, Jamelliah.

Ms. Eleanor served as a group teacher with Gwendolyn Bland Daycare Center from 1988 until 1999. In 1999 she transitioned from Day Care to start her Public-school career as a team teacher at P.S.130. In 2003 she decided to move back to Conway, SC 2003 to care for her ailing mother. While there, Ms. Eleanor worked as a substitute teacher for the Board of Education in Conway, South Carolina until 2005, when she returned to NYC.

She got up early every day with pride to go to work. Ms. Eleanor loved to help the teachers and students in the classroom. She served as an NYC Educator for over 20 years until retiring. After retiring, she was determined not to sit in the house and be still. Ms. Eleanor became a foster grandparent through the NYC Foster Grandparent program, where she serviced early childhood daycare centers from 2006 until the pandemic hit.

Miss Eleanor was active & independent. She loved NYC because she was able to get around freely without the use of a car; she was very savvy with navigating the NYC bus system. She loved music and fancied Marvin Gay & Al Green. Ms. Eleanor was a long-time member of Goodwill Baptist Church, where she was active in the Willing Workers ministry, Senior Ministry and the South Carolina Fellowship. She also volunteered in other ministries within the church. If she was not working, her other interests included teaching Sunday school, cooking, and baseball.

Ms. Eleanor had many friends of all ages, young women gravitated to Ms. Eleanor. She was a mentor and friend to many, no matter what age. She had a keen sense of humor. Eleanor will be remembered for her vivacious and unique laughter, her direct approach to telling the truth, and her love for educating children.

Ms. Eleanor transitioned on March 7th, 2022, at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, NY. She was preceded in death by her Mother (Hattie Canteen Whittington), Father (Columbus L. Whittington), Sister (Ms. Virginia Whittington), Son (Vern Whittington). She leaves to mourn, two sisters, two daughters, eight grandchildren, great children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Song of Comfort

Scriptures:  
    Old Testament  
    New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks ..... Deacon John Peterson, 1st Vice Chairman  
*On Behalf of Goodwill Baptist Church*

Remarks ..... Family & Friends

Resolution ..... Deaconess Renee Boston  
*Assistant Church Clerk, Goodwill Baptist Church*

Selection

Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences

The Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection

Word Of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Booker T. Sears, Jr.  
*Pastor, Goodwill Baptist Church*

The Benediction

The Committal

Final Farewell Directed By T. Carrillo Funeral Service

The Recessional

# *Come To Me*



*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be*

*So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain The  
weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by her  
And saw her in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting her cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased her suffering, gave her rest*

*She is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade Sweetest thoughts of her  
will ever linger Round the place where she rests.*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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