

*Ma Elizabeth Edith Lenese*

*April 27, 1931 - April 22, 2022*

*Celebrating  
The Life of*



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

Wake Service: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022

Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Service: 10:00 AM

**ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC**

725 East Gun Hill Road  
Bronx, NY 10467

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

777 East 222nd Street,  
Bronx, New York 10467

*The Rev. Pierre-Andre H. Duvert,  
PhD, Dmin., STM, M.Div., Officiating*

*Mr. Wilner Byas Jr., Organist*

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Psalm 23

New Testament

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58..... Angelica Lonesome  
Soloist..... “Amazing Grace”, Juanita Faulkner

Gospel.....John 11: 21-27

The Sermon..... Father Pierre-Andre Duvert

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Peace

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*Entombment*

Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, NY

*Repast*

Royal Coach Diner  
3260 Boston Rd, Bronx, NY 10469

# Obituary

**Ella Elizabeth Edith Lonesome**, endearingly called Betty, was born on April 27, 1931 to Samuel and Ethel Watkins. She and her siblings, Gloria and Doris, grew up with their parents in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey, throughout their formative years. In time, the family resided in New York. Ella attended New York City public schools. She was an exemplary student and did well throughout all of her school years. She attended Morris High School in the Bronx.

During her adolescent years, she reconnected with childhood friend Wilbur Cornelius Lonesome. That friendship transformed into a loving relationship, and on March 21, 1953, the two were married. The couple made their home in the Bronx. Together, Ella and Wilbur raised their three children Keith, Keven, and Kelly.

Ella was a devoted stay-at-home Mom and home manager. A supportive partner, she worked sporadically to financially help the family. She worked as an operator for the New York City Telephone Company, and received special recognition for her professionalism in the position. In addition to carrying out her responsibilities as Mom and working woman, she went back to school to further her education. She attended Bronx Community College, where in August 1974 she earned an Associate's in Education degree. In September 1976, Ella graduated from Herbert H. Lehman College with a Bachelor's in Psychology, and in 1979, she earned a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at New York University.

A diligent worker, Ella used her expertise to help others, providing quality counseling and mental health services and remediation to clients. She worked for the New York City Department of Mental Health and the Harlem Rehabilitation Center Department of Psychology in New York for 25 years. Ella had a positive impact on the lives she touched. Clients and colleagues came to her for assistance, and she rendered it with love.

Ella was a lifelong learner who loved to read and share what she learned with others. She was no stranger when it came to enjoying life. She loved to travel within and outside of the United States. In addition to visiting national landmarks and parks within America, she took cruises and flights to the Caribbean, Italy, China, France, Malta, and more. Ella enjoyed the casino, and winning was her occupation! The slot machine bells rang off the hinges whenever Ella pulled the lever. Lady Luck tended always to be on her side! Betty also enjoyed eating out with family: one of her favorite spots was The Sea Shore Restaurant at City Island. There was always joy and laughter whenever Ella and the family ate out together.

We give glory and honor to God for having had Ella Elizabeth Edith Lonesome in our lives for over 90 years, for God promises humankind three-score-and ten (70 years). Anything extra is truly a blessing. Husband Wilbur, parents Samuel and Ethel Watkins, Gloria Minnus and Doris Mason, and loving grandmother, Verna May Douglas of Camden, New Jersey predeceases Ella. We can rest assured that they are now rejoicing together in God's welcoming embrace. Ella leaves behind to celebrate her home-going sons Keith Edward and Keven Pierre Lonesome; daughter Kelly Blythe Lonesome-McCaden and husband Ronald McCaden; grandchildren Kenya Simone, Jorel Manu, and Angelica Lonesome; great grandchildren Jayla and Anala Lonesome and Adamantino Lonesome-Rosa, and a host of grand nieces and nephews, family, and friends.

We, The Lonesome Family, appreciate you all. Thank you so much for joining in Ella's home-going celebration. May God bless and keep us all until we meet again on the Other Side!



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Ella Elizabeth Edith Lonesome** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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