



# *I Do Not Go Alone*

If death should beckon me  
With outstretched hand  
And whisper softly of  
“An Unknown Land”  
I shall not be afraid to go,  
For though the path I do not know,  
I take Death’s Hand without a fear,  
For He who safely brought me here  
Will also take me safely back.  
And though in many things I lack,  
He will not let me go alone  
Into the “Valley That’s Unknown”...  
So I reach out and take Death’s hand  
And journey to the “Promised Land.”

-Author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

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# *In Loving Memory of*

# *Elaine Baldwin*

**Sunrise: March 3, 1935**

**Sunset: May 1, 2022**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 - 12:00 NOON**

**New Zion Revival Temple**  
29 Ross Street • Newark, New Jersey 07112  
*Denzel Cohen, Organist*

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## Obituary

Elaine Baldwin was born March 3rd, 1935 in Newark, NJ to the late Thorne and Almeta Baldwin. Elaine was the oldest of four children. She was the protector of her siblings. Elaine passed on May 1st, 2022 at the golden age of 87.

Elaine was a proud resident of Newark. She grew up in the Baxter Terrace housing development and attended Newark Vocational High school. During her time attending Newark Vocational, she studied cosmetology. She was an avid tennis player and dancer, although small in stature she was a worthy opponent. Upon graduating, she worked as a beautician for several years. She later attended Essex County College and received an associate's degree in Social Work. After receiving her degree, she worked for over 35 years at the Essex County Division of Welfare, where she was affectionately known as Rosie. She went above and beyond her duties to help anyone that needed assistance.

Elaine met and married the late John Newsome and from that union five children were born. Although a mother of five children, she was a loving mother/grandmother to countless others. Elaine joined New Zion Revival Temple nearly 50 years ago, where she also became one of the mothers of the church.

Elaine was an inspiration to all. She was always willing to lend a helping hand in anyway. She was the Matriarch of the family as well as the family historian.

She leaves to cherish loving memories: one Sister Sheila Wood, one brother-in-law Thomas Plowden, her sons Wayne Baldwin and Terry (Diedre) Newsome and daughter Genira Newsome, Grandchildren Al Rahman Newsome, Kenyatta Baldwin, Asmar Newsome, Schemelle Baldwin, Cedric Bolden, Ibn Lamont, Dale, Dara, and David. She had 23 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She also had five nieces and one nephew and host of cousins and friends. In addition, a longtime companion/caregiver Connie Newby, and special son Lance Kearney.

She is preceded in death by: son Michael Baldwin and daughter Sheila Newsome, Sister Barbara Plowden and Brother Thorne Baldwin Jr., granddaughter Sharhon Newsome and grandson Terry Newsome Jr., Great grandson Nasir and great-great-grandson Chase.

## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading - Terry Newsome  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort - George Wood

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary - Deserie McDonald

Selection

Eulogy - Evangelist Simpson

Recessional

*Interment*  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey