



**Special tribute ~
Remembering my
"Aunt Nellie".**

Aunt Nellie was a very dear Aunt. My late dad's, one and only sister.

Even after I relocated to North Carolina about 22 years ago, whenever I visited New Jersey, I would try my best to visit Aunt Nellie and the family on "Munn Street". Sometimes it was an adventure getting around in South Orange but we made it happen!

Aunt Nellie always made me feel at home. I loved the way she cooked cabbage. She told me how she prepared it, and as of today, I cook mine the same way.

I also remembered years ago, when we had a small family reunion and I was selling Mary Kay products. Aunt Nellie came to my table and bought lip gloss. She was my only customer and I will always remember her for that.

There is one other important thing we cannot forget about my aunt, our Ms. Nellie Duncan, she kept the family in check whenever necessary. She was very understanding, smart, she listened and was well aware of what was going on, and would let you know as well. Aunt Nellie was just a genuine and compassionate person.

I would call her maybe once a month and would remember her either on her Birthday, Mother's Day or Christmas. I'd let her know something was coming in the mail, and for about a week she and I would play phone tag until she received the gift. Aunt Nellie always made sure she called whenever it arrived, expressing her joy and appreciation.

I am really glad I called Aunt Nellie on her birthday this past September 1st to send my love on her special day.

Aunt Nellie!!! Continue to Rest in Heavenly Peace!

With love,
Your niece, Tammy Christian!

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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*A Celebration of Life for
Nellie M. Duncan*

**Sunrise:
September 1, 1940**

**Sunset
September 10, 2024**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Albert Duncan, Jr., Eulogist

Pastor Mary Duncan, Soloist

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Obituary

Nellie Marie Duncan, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, daughter and friend, passed away peacefully at her home in East Orange, NJ, on September 10, 2024. She was born on September 1, 1940, in Newark, New Jersey, to Eleanor Butler and Alonzo Christian. Nellie was the second oldest of five siblings: Rudolph, Lonnie, Albert, and Kenneth.

She was educated in the Newark Public School System and was a long-time, faithful member of Beulah Bible Cathedral, formerly known as Beulah Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey.

As a young widow and mother of five children, Nellie dedicated her life to being a devoted stay-at-home mom and grandmother. She was also a dear and trusted friend, frequently serving as a caregiver to many of her friends who had fallen ill. Nellie was kind-hearted and generous, often helping friends and family with food and money. Her smile and laugh were contagious, and she loved sharing stories about her upbringing and touting the affectionate care she received from her grandmother. Nellie had a great sense of humor and could take a joke as well. She was strong-willed and rarely complained, always thankful and appreciative of any kindness shown to her.

Nellie had a zest for life and enjoyed a good meal! BBQ spare ribs, cabbage, and homemade macaroni and cheese were among her favorites, as well as any type of pie. She loved all family gatherings and always welcomed visitors with open arms, often saying, "You just got here" when it was time to leave. She enjoyed her favorite TV shows, which included Columbo, The Three Stooges, The Rifleman, and Family Feud with Steve Harvey. Nellie's favorite pastime was the telephone. She enjoyed long conversations with family and friends, sometimes talking until her friends fell asleep.

Nellie had a strong faith in God and believed that He would see her through any circumstance. As she grew older, Nellie loved taking long rides while relaxing in the back seat, often making everyone laugh with her humorous commentary. Nellie indeed had a playful side, often jokingly doing karate chops with her sons, much to everyone's amusement. Her favorite sibling was Uncle Albert, and her favorite child was Mufid, a well-known fact in the family.

Nellie never met a stranger and had the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone. She was outspoken and honest, never hesitating to express her feelings. She always encouraged her children to maintain their own homes, always saying, "People will feed you before they let you live with them, so pay your rent even if you can't afford to buy food." Known for her financial responsibility, Nellie always paid her bills on time and managed her money wisely on a fixed income. She valued her independence and maintained that she would never remarry or live with anyone again, proudly stating, "I do what I want to do", meaning this is my house and it runs by my rules!

Nellie Marie Duncan will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her legacy of love, faith, and humor will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Nellie was predeceased by her husband Albert Duncan, daughter Donna, son Aaron, daughter-in-law Theresa, son-in-law Wahid, and brothers Albert, Lonnie, and Rudolph. She leaves to cherish her memory her brother Kenneth G. Christian; her devoted children: Donnell (Tammy) Duncan, Teena Duncan-Smith, and Mufid Muhammad; her sisters-in-laws Lorraine Christian, Pearl Christian, and Henrietta Christian; her grandchildren: Shivell (Jamie) Brown, Fatimah Duncan, Donnell Duncan, Bahir Fuller, Abdullah Duncan, Tamara Duncan, Rayquel Duncan, Dayquan Simmons, Wahid Smith Jr., Mufid W. Muhammad, and Rakib Duncan; her great-grandchild: Jevonn Brown; her great-great-grandchildren: Jourdyn Brown and Zakee Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection - I love the Lord- By Whitney Houston

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection - Take Me to the King- By Tamela Mann

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Selection - A Song For Mama- By Boyz II Men

Tribute Reading - Gregory Christian

Eulogy

Recessional - I'll always love my mama-

By The Intruders

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Community Room

55-57 South Munn Avenue

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