

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Acknowledgements

The family of **ELIZA ALBERTA ALLEN** acknowledges with deep appreciation and gratitude to Kings Harbor Nursing Home staff for the care rendered to our loved one. The family also thanks everyone for the love, kindness, and prayers shown during this time of bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted to:


BENTA'S
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In Loving Memory of



Eliza Alberta Allen

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 5, 1926 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 24, 2021



Funeral Service

Thursday, January 6, 2022 • 12:00 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

REVEREND PETER BRAMBLE, PhD, Officiating

REVEREND TERRANCE L. KENNEDY, Minister of Music

Entombment

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

Bronx, New York

Eliza's Final Graduation Service

Obituary

"The greatest among you shall be a servant."

-Matthew 23:11

ORGAN PRELUDE "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

INVOCATION.....DEBORAH ALLEN
GRANDDAUGHTER

MUSICAL SELECTION "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

SCRIPTURE READING

REVELATION 7:9-17PRISCILLA ALLEN
GRANDDAUGHTER

PSALM 91CUTHBERT S. ALLEN
GRANDSON

JOHN 14:1-6, 27, 28ELIZABETH ALLEN
DAUGHTER- IN - LOVE

PRAYER OF COMFORT GWENDOLYN V. EDWARDS
DAUGHTER

MUSICAL SELECTION "AMAZING GRACE"

REFLECTIONS.....FAMILY AND FRIENDS (TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

OBITUARY..... WILL ALLEN
GRANDSON

MUSICAL SELECTIONSHARLENE ALLEN-MILTON
GRANDDAUGHTER

EULOGY.....REVEREND PETER BRAMBLE, PHD

BENEDICTION.....REVEREND PETER BRAMBLE, PHD

RECESSIONAL

ELIZA ALBERTA ALLEN (nee Osborne) was born in Harrises, Montserrat on October 5th, 1926, and was the fourth of ten children born to the late Michael and Angelina Osborne. She was educated in Montserrat, West Indies and attended St. Georges Anglican School in Harrises.

After graduating in 1943, Eliza served as a public school teacher at Wesleyan School in Plymouth, Montserrat. On July 29, 1948, Eliza was united in holy matrimony to James Joseph Allen in Curacao as her husband had migrated there for work. Their union was blessed with four children, Ronald Allen, Franklyn Allen, Gwendolyn Edwards (nee Allen) and the late Dr. Leslie Allen.

In January 1955, Eliza made the decision to relocate herself and children to St. Kitts. "Teacher Eliza", as she was fondly called by her students, resumed teaching in 1955 at the Basseterre Boy School and in 1957 joined the Trinity School in Palmetto Point. For Eliza, teaching was her purpose. She was the first Cub Scout Den Mother in St. Kitts. Also, she taught piano and gave typing lessons. She was beloved, honored, and respected by all her students. In addition to being an educator, she was an entrepreneur and owned retail shops in Salt Pond Alley and Challengers, St. Kitts, over the years.

In 1958, Eliza exited the teaching profession and began working as Manager of the Import/Export Department of A. M. Losada. In 1964, she made the tough decision to leave her children in St. Kitts and migrated to the United States to pave a path for them to follow. Her first job was Governess. For the purposes of upward mobility, she left the position of Governess in 1967 and was hired at First National City Bank (now Citibank) where she attained the level of Loan Officer. She worked there until her retirement in 1988. While at Citibank, Mrs. Allen graduated from The College of Staten Island, where she attended at night and on weekends, graduating in 1985. After her retirement, she attended and graduated real estate school and sold New York Real Estate until 2014.

Eliza was a travel enthusiast who enjoyed arts and entertainment. One of her cherished accomplishments was being presented to Queen Elizabeth by her friend, Sir Clement Arrindell, the Governor of St. Kitts in 1985. Community service was also important to her. She was the Treasurer of KABA (Kittitian American Benevolent Association), and an active member of the Montserrat Progressive Society, where she was named "Mother of the Year" in 2001. She was also President of the Homeowners Association of Lorraine Terrace Condominiums. She was a dedicated volunteer with the Mount Vernon Salvation Army.

Near and dear to Eliza's heart was her family and friends. She loved entertaining, especially hosting holiday dinners for family. Eliza was an accomplished, wise woman, an avid supporter, and encourager to all that she came in contact with. She treasured every opportunity to make people's lives better.

At the age of 95, Eliza quietly departed this life on December 24, 2021. Her beautiful life will always be remembered by her three surviving children, Ronald Allen, Franklyn Allen, Gwendolyn Edwards (Allen), Josephine Allen Daughter-in-love (Ronald's wife), Elizabeth Allen, Daughter-in-love (Leslie's wife), brothers: Robert and William Osborne, her adopted brother: Earl O'Flaherty, twelve grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends to mourn her passing. May she Rest in Eternal Peace.