

*When you feel angry, sad, depressed or lonely,
Be encouraged that your life is blessed.
Faith can lift you above your fears
and give you peace.
Remember, "Worrying can't change anything".
Be thankful for each day.
And know that a smile and kind words
can touch and lift yours or
someone's heart and spirit.*

*Love,
Ethel Roberts*

To God Be The Glory, Honor, and Praise!!

Acknowledgments

The family of the late **ETHEL MAE ROBERTS** would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all their expressions of love and sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted to:


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Homegoing Celebration Service For



Ethel Mae Roberts

SUNRISE: APRIL 28, 1927 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 7, 2023

Funeral Service

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 • 9:30 A.M.
BETHEL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY • DESTINY WORSHIP PAVILION
1483 Fifth Avenue • New York, NY 10035
PASTOR MARK L. WILLIAMS, Officiant
Associate Pastor

Interment

ROSEDALE CEMETERY
Linden, New Jersey

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE PETER ROBERTS, TYRONE PATRICK, STEPHEN ROBERTS JR.

PROCESSIONAL CLERGY AND FAMILY

OFFICIATE PASTOR MARK L. WILLIAMS

PRAYER OF COMFORT PASTOR MIMSIE ROBINSON

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN MUSICAL MEDLEY

SCRIPTURE READINGS JAYVON ROBERTS

OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 90:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-58

REFLECTIONS BISHOP CARLTON T. BROWN
DEACONESS BEVERLY BRUIN-REDDIC

OBITUARY LYDIA ROBERTS

PRAISE DANCE STEPHANIE WILKINS-JARVIS

EULOGY PASTOR MARK L. WILLIAMS

BENEDICTION

Obituary

1927 Born to Edward and Leotta Samuels in Harlem, New York
1933 Started the Bethel Gospel Assembly Sunday School. Invited to Bethel by Rube Hackett. I am still a member 74 years later. Best friend and playmate is Laura Matthews-Levine.

1943 I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. Joined the Young People's Chorus in my youth. I assisted by playing the piano (what a joy).

1945 Received water baptism. Started attending Manhattan Bible Inst. Played an active part in the church. Assisted in the kitchen. I felt my calling was to visit the sick in the hospital, nursing homes and continued whenever possible.

1946 January-Graduated from Wadleigh H.S. April-started 1st job. September-I became engaged. December-married Peter Rufus Roberts.

1947 Received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. First child Peter John was born.

1950 Our second child Stephen Carl was born.

1953 Our third child Esther Viola was born.

1955 Our fourth child Lydia Ann was born.

1957 Our fifth child Rachel Jane was born.

1961 Our sixth child Paul Edward was born.

1965 Our seventh child Leah Marie was born.

1969 Moved into Andrew Jackson Project (rent \$76.65 for 6 ½ room apartment then)

1976 My sister and I gave our parents their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. 98 guests attended at the Hilton Hotel in Manhattan.

1977 After being a stay at home mother for 30 years, I went back to school to learn a skill. I attended OIC for Key punch (3 months) after graduation I received a job working as a temp for American Express.

1980 Dad passed April 2, 1980

1981 Passed my driving test after three tries (hooray) Never give up! Started working for the Port Authority NY/NJ as a Toll Collector May 14, 1981. 54th birthday celebration at State Key skating rink, 12 guests invited.

1982 I-WALK-A-THON #2. Fundraiser for the Sunday School Dept. At age 55, I walked from the Brooklyn Bridge to Bethel Gospel Assembly.

1989 Started a new job working as waitress for a caterer for 10 years, I retired in 1999.

1994 Celebrated 50th High School graduation reunion from Wadleigh H.S. Raised \$3,000.00 for school programs.

1996 Peter and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We renewed our vows at Bethel Gospel Assembly. The reception was held at the Eastwood Manor, Bronx, NY.

1999 Started winter vacation for 3 months in Orlando, Fl at our daughter Rachel Robert's home. She later moved to Texas in 2003. Our winter vacation continued to 2004 in North Hollywood, CA at our son Peter Roberts's home. "Praise the Lord!"

2001 SWAP (Seniors With a Purpose) started by Sis. Merl Patrick as director. I became her assistant. Joined the Ostomy Society of NY and became their membership secretary until 2006.

2007 I AM OPEN FOR WHATEVER THE LORD'S WILL IS FOR ME!! February 10-17 went on my very first cruise on Carnival Triumph ship. I visited the following islands: San Juan, PR, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. WHAT A WONDERFUL, BLESSED WAY TO START MY 80TH YEAR!!!

Ethel Mae Roberts has left to cherish her memory, her only sister Lucille Dorothea, Aunty Esmay in Barbados, her children Peter, Stephen, Esther, Lydia, Rachel, Paul, Leah, Clarese, Mary, Duncan Sr., grandchildren Kern, Stephen Jr., Duncan Jr., Anthony, Stephanie, Jalena, Tangia, Paul Jr., Phillip, Dawn, Eunice, Tennille, Kerrie, Kate, great grandchildren Stevon, Javon, Ty'Neal, Dominique, LaNaa', Kaitlyn, Elana, Lavender, great great grandchildren Onyx, Diverse, brother in law Arthur, sister in law Shirley, nephews Mark, Harvel, Craig, Marco, Maurice, nieces Valary, Debbie, Allison, Sharon, Shiela, grandnephews, great grandnephews, grandnieces, great grandnieces, cousins, and friends.