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~ *Ballbearers* ~

Garrett Brown
Mark Boyd

Bobby Davis
Jeffrey Brown

Mother

We have been so blessed to have had you in our lives for such a long time. You were always there for us no matter what and now God has called you to be with him. You will forever be in our hearts and you will truly be missed.

We love you Ma,
Your children, Rosalyn and John

Grandmother,

God has blessed me to have had you in my life for 36 years. You have been my rock and I always looked up to you. I will forever remember what you taught and showed me and will always carry the things you instilled in me. I will miss you so much and I love you always granny.

Camille

*"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
(Revelation 21:4, NKJV)*

- *Repast* -

Lincoln Memorial UM Church

-With Our Gratitude -

*The family of the late **Elsie Mae Oliver** would like to express our sincere appreciation for the love and prayers that have been extended to us during our season of bereavement. May God Bless You!*

Celebration of Life

for

Elsie Mae Oliver



August 5, 1926

April 25, 2014

Friday, May 2, 2014

Viewing: 11:00 am Homegoing: 12:00 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor - Officiating
Pastor Betty Pierce-Williams - Eulogist

Her Life

Elsie Mae Oliver was born on August 5, 1926 to Charles and Willie Mae Staten, Sr., in Buffalo, New York. She was educated in the Buffalo Public School System, and a graduate of Hutchison Central Technical High School.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior, and united with the Lincoln Memorial Methodist Church, under the pastorate of the late Rev. William A. Horner.

In March 1951, Elsie married Mr. John E. Oliver, III and to their union two children was born.

Elsie later enrolled in the Adult Practical Nursing Program, offered at Fosdick-Masten Vocational High School, and graduated on August 4, 1961 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. This accomplishment led to her employment at the Buffalo General Hospital, from which she retired after twenty-seven years of dedicated service. She continued to work until ill health prevented her at the Buffalo Urban League, as a school bus aide, and at the American Red Cross.

She was also a founding member of the *Gnivas Club* (savings club) which allowed her to join with friends in celebrating members' birthdays, and special occasions together.

Elsie was a life-long and active member of the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, serving under all its pastoral leadership as the Head of the Communion Stewards, Altar Guild, Hospitality, and a proud member of Usher Board No. 2. Elsie loved the Lord, and she placed her confidence in God.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and aunt; a great friend, and source of encouragement. She loved to bake, and was famous for her German-Chocolate cake, banana and zucchini breads. She also crocheted, bowled, and traveled extensively cruising with friends to Jamaica, and visiting historic landmarks such as Mount Rushmore.

Elsie leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter: Rosalyn Elaine Oliver, her son: John E. Oliver, IV, her grand-daughter: Camille Oliver, her nephew: Homer (Edna) Smith, Jr., her niece: Nancy Eileen Smith, her nephews: Marvin, Marcus, Nijel and Jordan Smith, her dear friends: Ernestine Williams and Gwendolyn Brown, other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sister: Pauline T. Smith, her brother-in-law: Homer L. Smith, Sr., and her brother: Charles P. Staten, Jr.

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy and Family
Words of Comfort	Pastor George F. Nicholas
Opening Hymn	"Amazing Grace"
Opening Prayer	Pastor George F. Nicholas
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Psalm 23
New Testament	2 Corinthians 5:1-8
Ministry of Music	The Union
Family Reflections	
	Acknowledgements and Obituary
	Sis. Nancy Smith
Words of Exhortation	Pastor Betty Pierce-Williams
	<i>Elim Christian Fellowship</i>
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Benediction	Pastor George F. Nicholas
Recessional	
Ministry of Music	The Union

~ **Care of Our Loved One Entrusted to** ~
Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street * Buffalo, New York 14211
(716) 894-4888

~ **Interment** ~
Forest Lawn Cemetery