



Ella D. Nelson

April 15, 1930 - February 17, 2004

Ella Delores Nelson, an only child and the daughter of Edna Goynes and the late Roland Goynes was born on April 15, 1930. She departed this earthly life to eternal life on Tuesday, February 17, 2004. At an early age, Ella joined the church at Whatcoat M.E. on Pine And Franklin Streets, which is now Union Memorial United Methodist Church. She loved and knew the Lord and made sure that her children were involved in the life of the church through youth groups, Sunday school and vacation bible school. Ella was a bright student and excelled in academic pursuits. She attended Booker T. Washington Jr. High and Frederick Douglass High School where she graduated with honors in June 1947. Although small in stature, Ella was an athlete who played basketball and even earned the right to wear Douglass school insignia. She completed some undergraduate work at Morgan State but relocated to join her military husband in California. Ella was joined in holy matrimony to the late Randolph Nelson, Sr., and from this union, they were blessed with six children. Her three girls and three boys were the center of her life and there was nothing that she would not do for them. As the wife of a career army man, she traveled extensively around the country and abroad with her family. Her fun spirit was evident when she played pinochle and board games with family and friends. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and reading short stories. One of her favorite publications was the Readers's Digest. She also enjoyed dinner theatres, church productions and concerts. Shopping with her daughters was also a favorite pastime. Most of her life was centered on raising her family and

later on spoiling her grandchildren. In 1970, she worked briefly for the Department of Commerce Census Bureau and later for the United States Postal Service. For several years she worked for the Social Security Administration in Claims receiving numerous awards and promotions until her retirement. While working for the SSA, she volunteered with her colleagues to deliver food for the Meals on Wheels Program. Ella was a dedicated wife and mother actively involved in the life of her children and grandchildren. She served as a Girl Scouts Assistant and helped with fundraisers and special programs with the local PTA. She made time to maintain her relationship with her high school classmates and served periodically as secretary for the Douglass Alumni. She was a loving kind-hearted person, who touched the lives of everyone around her. She leaves to mourn her mother Edna Goynes; her daughters, Patricia, Sheryl and Deborah; her sons, Randolph Jr., Reginald and David; her grandchildren, Tyree Sr., Roshaun, Jamel, Ariel, Ayanna and Kira; her great-grandchildren, Tyree Jr., Shannon, Brendan and Cameron; numerous cousins and beloved friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ella D. Nelson*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Ella D. Nelson*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. The Bible also promises that we will be able to see our dead loved ones again by means of a resurrection. (John 5:28,29) It is my hope that you will be comforted by these scriptures.###imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Nelson family. May you find comfort in these words of the Bible at John 11:25, Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life."###imported-begin##Barbara Williams###imported-end##

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