



## Ethel Elizabeth Allen

May 29, 1923 - November 9, 2012

ETHEL ELIZABETH BURCH ALLEN, daughter of the later Corner Burch and Annie Carr Burch was born on May 29, 1923, in Halifax County, Virginia. She departed this life on November 9, 2012 and lived a full life until the young age of 89. She attended local schools in Halifax County, and graduated from Halifax Training (High) School in 1942.

Christ was always in her life, so in her early youth, she accepted Christ, and joined the Crystal Hill Baptist Church where she enjoyed attending church and Sunday school regularly. In 1943 Ethel moved to New York, and worked as a nurse's aide for a private family. She joined First Baptist Church in Far Rockaway, New York where she became an active member. In 1946 she was united in marriage to the late Christopher Allen. Two daughters were born to this union. After moving to Baltimore they joined the First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill, where they both became active members. She worked in the Baltimore school system for nine years and retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles in 1983, after working as a clerk for fifteen years.

In her younger years, Ethel was known for being a great "organizer". She loved sponsoring church bus trips and enjoyed the company of family and friends at various gatherings. Her home was often the pivotal point of Thanksgiving dinners for extended family members across several states. It should be noted that Ethel organized the Trustee Aids, which were wives of

the Trustees who supported their husbands in the ministry (currently dissolved). She was also a charter member of the Gospel Chorus which was eventually dissolved in order to become a part of a mass choir.

She loved gospel music and often sang around the house. The Word of God bathed her spirit in the form of songs with strong messages of faith and hope. Her favorite songs were "I Am Redeemed", "Nobody But You Lord" and "One More Day". Each song had a special message in the midst of mounting medical difficulties and the trials of life. She was truly grateful for each new day because she realized that waking up each morning was a gift from God. She tried to maintain hope and independence in spite of the fact that doctors told her that she would most likely die in her sleep due to kidney failure. When her eyes failed her she listened to Bible tapes. She continued to enjoy her friendships with the Birthday Club, a beautiful group of ladies who lovingly celebrate and support each other.

She was a person that wanted to do everything that she could to help people. Her favorite motto was, "put everything that you can in everyday, and get every good that you can out of every day."

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving daughter, Gloria Jean Covington (son-in-law Gregory Covington) of Owings Mills, MD; a daughter, Elizabeth Christina Covington preceded her in death; former son-in-law, James Covington (Robin); four grandchildren, Kanod (Ny'ilah), Daunte (Linh), Derrian and Adriana; two sisters, Nonie Clarke of Crystal Hill, Virginia and Susie Thomas of Baltimore, Maryland; one sister-in-law, Fannie Burch of Crystal Hill, Virginia; goddaughter, Roxann Robinson; close friend, Daisy Covington; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadow Ridge

7250 Washington Blvd  
Elkridge, MD 21075

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 15. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

NOV 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

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NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

1st Bapt. Ch. of Cherryhill  
823 Cherry Hill Rd.  
Balto., MD

## Service

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NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Elizabeth Allen*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Billy Leon Clarke lit a candle in memory of Ethel Elizabeth Allen*



**Billy Leon Clarke** - November 25, 2012 at 08:51 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

**Ms Springer** - November 25, 2012 at 08:33 PM



“ *To the family.....just want to take this time to give my condolences. Aunt Ethel will dearly be missed. Love you guys.....*

**Michelle Thomas** - November 21, 2012 at 01:22 AM

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**Michelle Thomas** - November 21, 2012 at 01:21 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michelle Thomas** - November 21, 2012 at 01:03 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mary Serena Burch** - November 13, 2012 at 11:31 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - November 12, 2012 at 05:00 PM