

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE: June 27, 1934

SUNSET: September 28, 2020

## LILLIAN ELLIS-COLLINS

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that's where I am, there ye may be also. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.  
John 14:1-3, 6

Friday, October 9, 2020

WAKE: 10:00A.M.      FUNERAL: 11:00A.M.

LIGHT OF LIBERTY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
BISHOP CORBY BUSH, SENIOR PASTOR  
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Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral  
4500 Frontage Road  
Hillside, IL 60162



## OBITUARY

Lillian Ellis-Collins was born on June 27, 1934 to the late Joe Ellis and Addiola Buckner-Ellis in Yazoo County, Mississippi.

She passed away peacefully on the morning of September 28, 2020 while at home. She was eighty- six years old.

Lillian was the 10th child born out of 11 Children: Six brothers; Harvey Ellis, Ollie Ellis, Fred Ellis, Joe Clifton Ellis, Narv Lee Ellis, Lewis Ellis and 2 sisters Alma Ellis and Doris Ellis-Cox, who all preceded her in death. She grew up in Yazoo County Mississippi where she attended St. James Wood School.

As a child Lillian professed her faith in Jesus Christ; she joined and was baptized at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Nathan Frazier. On September 23, 1949 she was united in Holy Matrimony to Herbert Collins Sr. Prior to their meeting, Herbert had a son, Herbert Collins Jr. "Big Man", whom Lillian affectionately adored and was very proud to have as her step-son! To the union of Herbert and Lillian, ten children were born: Marvin, Robert Lee, Debra, Carol, Alvin, Cheryl, Felton, Dewannah, Kevin, and LaVerne. Herbert and son Kevin preceded her in death.

During the summer of 1955, the Family of six left Yazoo County Mississippi, and moved to Chicago, Illinois. Upon arriving in Chicago and seeking a church home, Lillian began her membership at Greater St. Paul AME Church, Chicago, IL.

After serving many years at St. Paul AME, she moved her membership to Christ Tabernacle M.B. Church, under the leadership of the late Reverend Milton Brunson. Several years later, she moved her membership to First Baptist Congregational Church in Chicago, IL, under the leadership of Rev. George W. Daniels; that being her final church home!



## OBITUARY CONTINUED

Lillian went on to further her education at Dawson Technical School in Chicago, IL, receiving a Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate. She worked a few years as a Customer Service Representative with Illinois Bell Telephone Company before landing her dream job at St. Anthony Hospital in Chicago, IL in the Pediatric unit as an LPN. After over thirty years at St. Anthony Hospital she left and began working at Loretto Hospital as a Mental Health Technician where she remained until retiring in 1998. Lillian grew up singing and she loved it. Her favorite being a Soloist. If there was ever a singer needed for an event you didn't have to ask her twice. She also enjoyed traveling. When she retired in 1998 she began traveling more often and often stated "I'll never let the grass grow under my feet". Those who knew her were aware that she also enjoyed cooking and gardening. Her most requested dish was her famous White Potato Pie. If you tried it once, you came back for more. Lillian was very family oriented, she truly loved spending quality time with family! She also enjoyed spending time with her close friends, having bible study, and also attending social events and traveling! Lillian loved to dine out and her favorite restaurants of choice were Red Lobster and The Chinese Buffet. She was well loved by people from all walks of life and faith and would help anyone in need! She lived out a full and complete life, and her house was in order!

Lillian leaves to cherish her Memories: Sons: Marvin (Gwendolyn) Collins, Robert Lee Collins, Alvin Collins (Nancy), and Felton Collins. Daughters: Debra Collins, Carol Collins, Cheryl Collins, Dewannah Collins, and LaVerne Collins, all residents of the State of Illinois. A step-son, Herbert Collins Jr. of Illinois. 26 Grandchildren: Eureka, Lance, Takisha, Alvin Anthony, Whitney, Isiah, Martin, Marcus, Brian, Chanecia, Nyeshia, Anthony, Aaron, Ashley, Myles, Zedrick, Catrice, Arkea, Steven, Dominique, Marvin, Marquis. 1 brother, Ernest "Stein" (Minnie), Jackson, MS, 1 sister, Katie Boddy, Benton, MS. Additionally, she leaves to cherish 33 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

*Evang. Eulisa A. Thomas*

MUSIC PRELUDE

*Soft Music*

PROCESSIONAL

*Family & Clergy*

SCRIPTURES

*Min. Michael Allen*

PRAYER

*Elder Mabel Campbell*

SOLO

*Rev. O.D. Bady*

TRIBUTE

*Sydney White*

SOLO

*Brother Gary McClurkin*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CARDS AND RESOLUTIONS AT A LATER DATE

SELECTION

FIRST BAPTIST CONGRESSIONAL CHOIR

OBITUARY

*Marvin Collins*

SOLO

*Rev. Darius Brooks*

WORDS OF COMFORT

*Rev. George W. Daniels*

REMARKS (Two minutes Please)

*Nyesha Donald*

SOLO

*Min. Deborah Mines*

EULOGY

*Apostle Donald L. Alford*

BENEDICTION

*Apostle Donald L. Alford*

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INTERMENT (Immediately following Service)

PARKHOLM CEMETERY  
2501 N. LAGRANGE ROAD  
LAGRANGE PARK, IL 60526



## TRIBUTES

When I Die give what's left of me away to  
Children and old men that wait to die,  
And if you need to cry,  
cry for your brother walking the streets beside you  
And when you need me, put your arms around anyone.  
and give them what you need to give me.  
I want to leave you something,  
something better than words or sounds.  
Look for me in the people I've known or loved,  
And if you cannot give me away,  
at least let me live in your eyes and not in your mind.  
You can love me best by letting hands touch hands,  
and by letting go of children that need to be free.  
Love doesn't die, people do.  
So, when all that's left of me is love,  
Give me away!  
-Your Loving Children

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY MOTHER:

### IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me, place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while, because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away!

-Your Baby Girl, LaVerne

Grandma, thank you for all that you have done for us. We will miss you and keep you in our hearts,  
-Love Your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and Great-Great Grandchildren



## TRIBUTES

Life is but a stopping place,  
a pause in what's to be,  
a resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,  
different paths along the way,  
we all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,  
far greater than we know,  
for some the journey's quicker,  
for some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
we'll claim a great reward,  
and find an everlasting peace,  
together with the Lord.

-I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU! Your Niece, Monica

### Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,

When I embark.

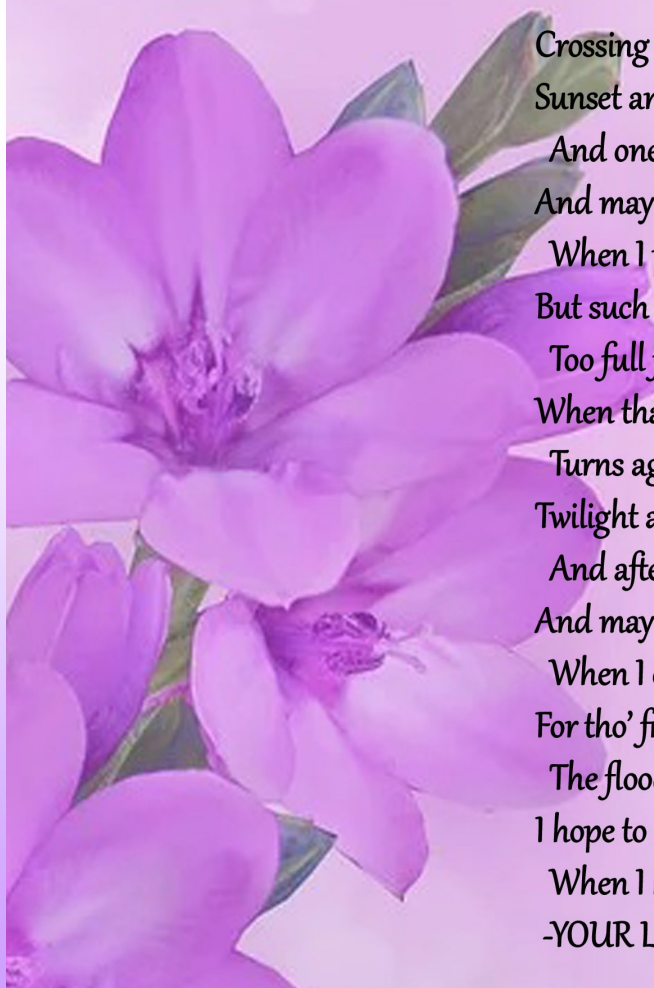
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar.

-YOUR LOVING SISTER KATIE & BROTHER ERNEST("Stein")









## PALLBEARERS

Brain Collins  
Steven Collins  
Anthony Naper II  
Aaron R. Naper

Zedrick Bullock  
Marvin Collins  
Jose' White  
Martin Hope

### *The Lord is My Shepherd*

*Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,*

*He leads me beside quiet waters,*

*He restores my soul.*

*He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

*Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family of Lillian Ellis-Collins is grateful beyond measure for the many visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and other generous acts of kindness. We would like to extend a special acknowledgment to her Home Health Care Provider, Katrina, who helped her during her last days, and special thanks to Dwight Wheeler and Carol Stevenson for their assistance! Also, special thanks to Dr. OBG, who worked diligently in caring for mom's medical needs. We solicit your continued prayers and we pray God's blessing upon you!

-The Family

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