

Celebrating the Life of
Mary Elizabeth Monroe



Sunrise
February 4th, 1930

Sunset
April 17th, 2020

Homegoing Service Friday, April 24th, 2020

Viewing: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Mass of Christian Burial: 10:00 AM

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

1039 Monroe Street, NE

Washington, DC 20017

Celebrant: Reverend Frederick Close

Order of the Funeral Mass



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Musician: Lynne Gray

Opening Prayer Celebrant

Placing of the Pall Family

Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 Nia Jenkins

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 27... "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation"

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 Apyll Monroe

Gospel Acclamation Cantor

Gospel John 14:1-6 Celebrant

Homily Celebrant

General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn Musician

Presentation of Gifts Family

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn "God Has Smile On Me"

Reading of the Obituary (Read Silently)

Acknowledgements

Final Commendation

Recessional "Going Up Yonder"

Obituary

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Mary Elizabeth Monroe**, entered into eternal rest on April 17, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Glovina Elizabeth Fenderson Bell and Brooks (Booker T.) Bell. Mary was born on February 4, 1930 in Wildwood, North Carolina. Three brothers Vordon, Melvin and Kramer preceded her in death.

Mary attended DC public schools, graduating from Cardozo Senior High. She was employed with the Federal Government. On August 2, 1953, she married Edward Monroe, Jr. This union blessed them with a son, Derek.

Mary was a member of the Michigan Park Recreation Center, where she enjoyed participating in line dancing and water aerobics activities. She also enjoyed working with Meals on Wheels and the Red Coats for many years.

Mary was a faithful member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Washington, DC., for many years until her health began to fail. She was a member of the Senior Sodality where she served as Treasurer for two terms.

She leaves to cherish her life and celebrate her memories: a very loving and devoted husband Edward; son Derek Monroe (Elizabeth); granddaughters; Nia Jenkins (Jeffrey); Apryll; grandson Marcel; great grandchildren Azad and Zara; nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27







*"I'll cherish the wonderful memories shared
between us, until we're back together again."*

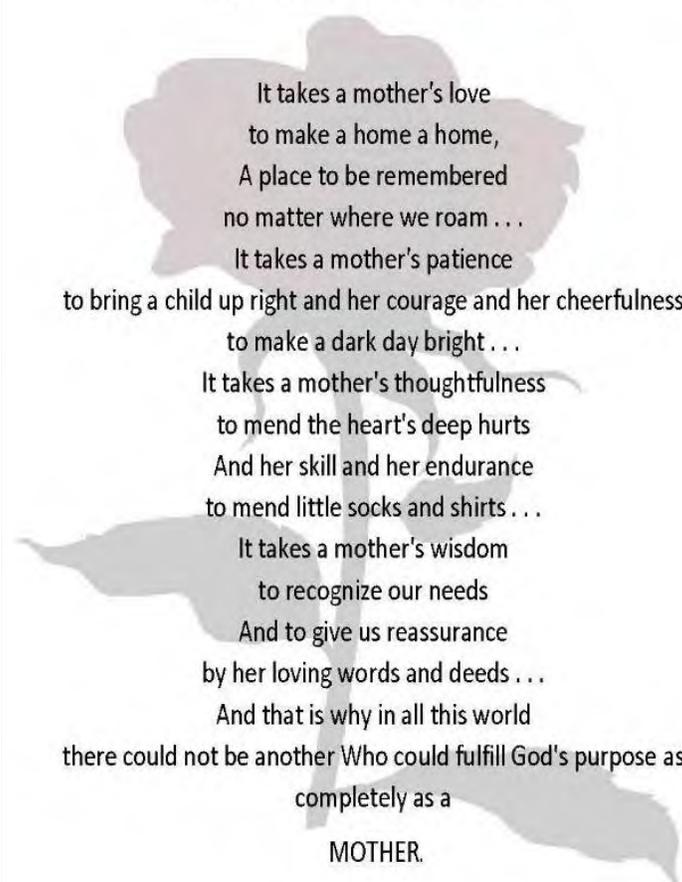
Love, Edward



*"Our Granny - We loved every visit, holiday
gathering and phone call with you. We will
miss seeing your smile and hearing your
voice. However, these memories will forever
remain with us. -*

Love Marcel, Nia and Apryll

A Mother's Love



It takes a mother's love
to make a home a home,
A place to be remembered
no matter where we roam . . .
It takes a mother's patience
to bring a child up right and her courage and her cheerfulness
to make a dark day bright . . .
It takes a mother's thoughtfulness
to mend the heart's deep hurts
And her skill and her endurance
to mend little socks and shirts . . .
It takes a mother's wisdom
to recognize our needs
And to give us reassurance
by her loving words and deeds . . .
And that is why in all this world
there could not be another Who could fulfill God's purpose as
completely as a
MOTHER.

Love, Derek

How do I say goodbye?

By Nia Jenkins

How do I say goodbye to my amazing Granny?
The Granny who never forgot a birthday or an accomplishment.
The Granny who would drag me to church each Sunday I stayed over.
The Granny who would always make sure that I was fed -- saying "Are you hungry? I got food in the fridge."
The Granny who always tried to send me home with any additional food that she had available.
The Granny who always had smiles and hugs for me.
The Granny who would pick me up from school when I did not feel well.
The Granny who would bring me along to the hair salon, so I could get my hair done as well..
The Granny who would have me ride along to 3 different grocery stores to make sure that we received the best deals.
The Granny who wanted to talk about the latest episodes of the Real Housewives of Atlanta.
The Granny who loved every moment with her great grandchildren.
The Granny who would always step out with the flyest of clothes and jewelry.
How do I say goodbye?
I guess in the end, it really is never good-bye for me, but always, I will see you later.

Love you always and forever!



The Bell Family



Pallbearers

Friends & Family

Acknowledgments

Words cannot express our gratitude for the many kind gestures, comforting words, prayers, telephone calls, love and support shown to the family during the time of our bereavement. We offer "special thanks" to Capital Caring Health (Hannah) and Visiting Angels (Kamau). May GOD continue to bless and keep you in HIS care.

Interment

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
4001 Suitland Rd, Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746

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