

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us on this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we "Thank You" so much, whatever the part.

~ The Family ~

Pallbearers

Leroy Woods, Jr.
Dennis Thomas
Odell Hardeman

Jerry Woods
Eric Eleby
Troy Cross

Floral Bearers

Ann Eleby

Marty Eleby

Interment

Church Cemetery
Middleton, Tennessee

Repast

Church

Services Provided by

Dixie Funeral Home
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The Homegoing Celebration

for

Minister Jo-Ann Eleby

Sunrise

March 22, 1946

Sunset

August 13, 2018



Tuesday ~ August 21, 2018

12:00 noon

Mt. Olive MB Church

11210 Hwy 125 South
Middleton, TN 38052

Overseer: Evan. Bernett Messenger

Obituary

Jo-Ann Eleby was born to James Eleby and Rosie Lee Clemons on March 22, 1946 in Chicago, IL. She is preceded in death by her father, brother, Garland Eleby and a nephew, Antwan Eleby.

She received her education in Chicago, IL. She attended IBM school in Harvey, IL in 1965.

She later moved to Wisconsin, where she was apart of the Board of legal services and the Madison Urban Ministry. Then she moved to Tennessee where she joined the Bolivar- Hardeman County NAACP. In 2009, she obtained her GED, which she was very excited.

She joined Mount Olive MB Church un Middleton, TN where she was a faithful usher for many years.

Then she later united with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Pinson. Minister Eleby graduated from Disciples of Christian Education in 2015.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her mother, Rosie Eleby of Chicago, IL; two sons: Maurice Eleby of Atlanta, GA and Bobby Eleby of Madison, WI; one daughter: Tona Eleby of Jackson, TN; six grandchildren, one great grand child, two sisters: Anita Eleby of Fridley, MN, and Retha Eleby of Chicago, IL; three brothers: Herman Eleby of Marquette, MI, Andrew Eleby and Leon Eleby of Chicago, IL and a host nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional
Scripture
Prayer
Solo
Reflection

Poem
Words of Comfort
Acknowledgements
Solo
Eulogy

Min. Porsha Kirby
Deacon Dennis Thomas
Loistine Dupree
Alicia Williams
Evan. Bernett Messenger
Evan. Flora McBride
Tatianna Wagner
Pastor Dennis McBride
Min. Daisy Harvey
Marshall Faye Williams
Rev. James Williams

Joann,
Every week on Wednesday, my friend, you were at the
beauty shop
Along with other friends.
We talked about everything from our dress code, high
heel shoes,
Sunday school lessons, Church services, and after
services - lunch.
And let's not forget talking about how many hugs we
got,
And talking about how to save souls.
Mrs. Eleby, you were so thankful for
EVERYTHING someone did for you.
The beauty shop crew is all here today,
Lucille, Della Jo, Hugholene, Mrs. Gisdale, Yolanda,
Debra, Natasha, and Mrs. Lizzie Mae.
We will truly miss you dearly!
On a personal note, I was glad to be your friend
And I will miss you very much.
Mrs. Eleby, you don't have to shed no more tears

And in the words of Mary, Mary,

"I've had enough hard aches and enough
headaches
I've had so many ups and downs
Don't know how much more I can take
See I've decided that I have cried my last tears
yesterday.
I'm going to trust you, or I may as well walk
away
Cause stressing don't make it better
Yesterday, yesterday, I decided to put my trust in
you.
Yesterday, yesterday, I realized that you would
bring me through.
There ain't nothing too hard for my God
Any problem that I have
He's greater than them all
So I've decided that I've cried my last tears
yesterday."

Your friend, *Gloria Shelton*