

FOREVER LOVED...



A piece of our heart lives in
HEAVEN
FLORAL BEARERS
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
PALL BEARERS
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



I Made It Home ♡

*I just wanted to let you know that
I made it home. The journey wasn't an easy
one, but it didn't take too long. Everything is so
pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.
Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.
God is taking care of me. I'm in the shelter of His hands.
Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no paid.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.
I really have to go for now... I've just got my wings.*

Love, James, Calvin & Cassandra

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Homegoing CELEBRATION

Honoring the Life of

Sunrise
July 14, 1947



Sunset
March 2, 2023

James Calvin
ELY, JR.

Saturday, March 11, 2023 • 11:00 AM

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE B HEADQUARTERS
10225 Fayetteville Road • Raeford, NC 28376

Rev. LaShonda Ely, Eulogist

Order of Service

- PreludeMusicians
- ProcessionalPastors, Ministers, Family & Friends
- Presiding Pastor Bruce C. Hurst
- Selection LSMBC Choir
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old TestamentPastor Franklin Bowden
 - New Testament... Rev. Glendia Black-Flippin
- Prayer of Comfort Pastor Dereck McNair
- Solo Pearl Johnson
- Church Resolutions/Acknowledgments ... Arnita Hurst
- ObituaryRead Silently
- Remarks Decan Hervon McCollum,
Timothy Rivers, Calvin Ely, II
- Solo C’Alvion Ely
- EulogyRev. LaShonda Ely
- Selection..... LSMBC Choir
- RecessionalMorticians in Charge

INTERMENT
Leach Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. James Ely would like to gratefully acknowledge and appreciate every phone call, visits, and acts of kindness during the time of our bereavement. May God’s richest blessings be upon you.
THE ELY FAMILY

James’ Life...

JAMES CALVIN ELY, JR., affectionately known as “June”, was born on July 14, 1947, in Brooklyn, New York to the late James Calvin Ely, Sr. and Mary Lou Adams. He departed his life here on earth to go to his heavenly home on March 2, 2023.

JAMES was raised in Zion, Illinois where he attended Zion Benton High School in 1966. He worked various jobs, but his favorite job was working at Sara Lee bakery for years until he moved to Philadelphia.

In 1969, he met the love of his life Ellen Fields in Philadelphia, PA. They were married on April 4th and have been together for 54 years. To this union two children were born Calvin and Cassandra.

While living in Chicago, IL his nickname was “Wheelie” because of his love for cars and driving fast. He loved his oldies, and he was a big movie collector. Furthermore, he had a love for wearing hats and jerseys, and his favorite color was red.

JAMES loved his family, and he leaves to cherish his memories: a wife, Ellen Fields Ely; two sons, James Calvin Ely, III of Las Vegas, Calvin Donnell Ely (LaShonda); one daughter, Cassandra Ulonda-Ely McGregor (Vincent) both of Raeford; one sister, Marilyn Pelzer of Philadelphia; four grandchildren, Calvin Ely, II, C’Alvion Ely, Veronica Cunningham, Dorian Cunningham all of Raeford; one step grandchild Shayla Stokes of Raeford; one great-grandchild, Mya Murray; two special cousins Pearl Johnson and Sandra White, both of Philadelphia; host of nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law and friends; his first wife Mary Henry Ely (mother of James) of Las Vegas.

The Broken Chain

*We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn’t go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.*

LOVE YOUR SISTER, MARILYN

You Never Said Goodbye

*You never said I’m leaving
You never said goodbye
You were gone before I knew it
And only God knew why
A million times I cried
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died
In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill
It broke my heart to lose you
But you didn’t go alone
For part of me went with you
The day God took you home.*

FROM THE FAMILY