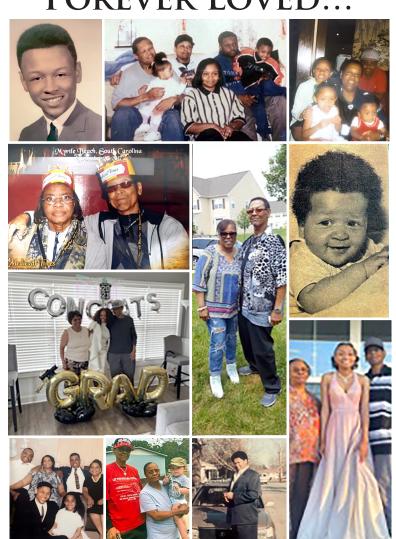
## FOREVER LOVED...









# I Made HHome 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.

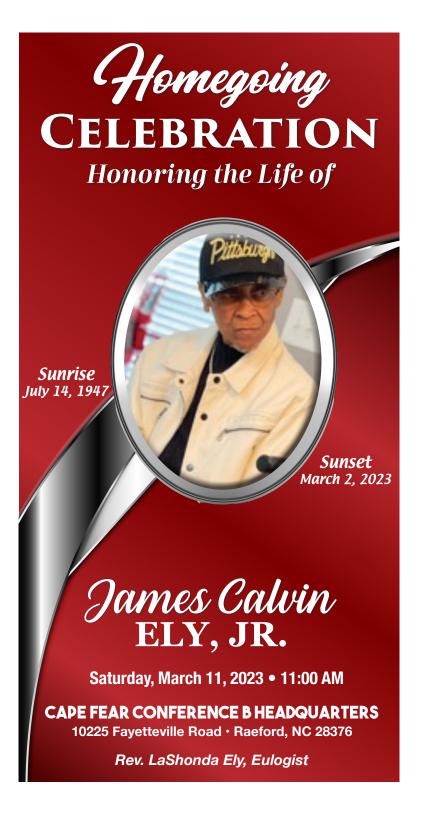
Love, James, Calvin & Cassandra

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#### Order of Service

Prelude	Musicians
Processional Pasto	rs, Ministers, Family & Friends
Presiding	Pastor Bruce C. Hurst
Selection	LSMBC Choir
Scripture Readings:  Old Testament Pastor Franklin Bowden  New Testament Rev. Glendia Black-Flippin	
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Dereck McNair
Solo	Pearl Johnson
Church Resolutions/Acknowledgments Arnita Hurst	
Obituary	Read Silently
Remarks	Decan Hervon McCollum, Timothy Rivers, Calvin Ely, II
Solo	
	Rev. LaShonda Ely
Selection	LSMBC Choir
Recessional	Morticians in Charge

#### INTERMENT

Leach Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

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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...

**TAMES 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-Elv 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 Shavla 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 brothersin-law and friends; his first wife Mary Henry Elv (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