



Elsie Marie Collins

October 22, 1931 - February 21, 2022

Elsie's Life and Legacy

As the gates of heaven opened and the great stairway began to form, on February 21, 2022, God called his servant, Elsie Marie Cottman Collins to her eternal home. Elsie was one of fourteen children born on October 22, 1931 to the late Willis Cottman, Sr. and Annie Cannon Cottman.

Elsie was educated in the Somerset County public school system. Her employment included the Delaney Company in Fruitland, Maryland, Birdseye in Pocomoke City, Maryland and Campbell Soup Company in Salisbury, Maryland. Elsie devoted her time to her family and loved ones. She would bake them her delicious cakes and dinner rolls for which she was famous. She also made a "mean" pot of chicken and dumplings for everyone to enjoy!

At an early age, Elsie accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Her Christian training began at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church on West Post Office Road in Princess Anne, Maryland. She later became a long-time member of St. Marks United Methodist Church in Princess Anne, Maryland where she became a choir member. She was known for her spirited rendition of the song "I Said I Wasn't Going To Tell Nobody." Elsie loved to sing and she sang in the choir as long as she was able to do so. She was always willing to

do whatever she could when called upon.

Elsie was united in holy matrimony to the late Calvin Oliver Collins, Sr. on September 27, 1952. Together, they reared nine children and one granddaughter, Gay Brown Hawkins (Orlando) of Chesapeake, Virginia. They were also instrumental in the rearing of one grandson, Hardy Tyrone Brown (Jennifer) of New Castle, Delaware.

Precious memories of Elsie's life will also be cherished by: two daughters, Belinda Dorsey of Fort Washington, Maryland and E. Vernetta Ramsey (Cornelius) of Bowie, Maryland; six sons, Calvin O. Collins, Jr. (Denise) of Fruitland, Maryland, Larry Collins of Salisbury, Maryland, Kenneth Collins (Susan) of Cambridge, Maryland, Michael Collins (Jacqui) of Bowie, Maryland, Perry Collins (Shari) of Bowie, Maryland and Darryl Collins (Ann) of Dunkirk, Maryland; one stepson, Tyrone Miles (Marjorie) of Baltimore, Maryland; twenty-eight (28) grandchildren; thirty-four (34) great grandchildren; four great, great grandchildren; two special daughters, Connie Calhoun and Gayle Wilson (JW); a special son, James Wilson (Gayle); four sisters, Josephine Harmon, Margaret Grant, Lucille Cook and Betty Cottman; one brother, Omar Cottman (Joyce); a sister-in-law, Bernice Cottman and brother-in-law, Richard Jackson and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Elsie was preceded in death by a son, David Collins, two sisters, Lennie Cottman and Vida Lee Jackson, six brothers, Willis "Spud" Cottman, Preston Cottman, Randolph "Smitt" Cottman, Alexander "Buck" Cottman, Robert Lee Cottman and Samuel "Sam" Cottman, Sr.

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THE FAMILY

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The Family

Previous Events

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

MAR 4. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elsie Marie Collins* ”



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - March 04, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elsie Marie Collins* ”



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“ Aunt Elsie, you will be greatly missed. I will miss all the times me , Bonita and Pecola came to your house to visit and we would just sit there and laugh, laugh and laugh some more. Spud would say we are going to Princess Anne come on yall. We would all go down to Grand mom Annie's house or your house. I miss those times, then when David and I would get together you would always tell us to stay out or trouble. Yes I love you and I will miss you dearly. When George and I got married you would tell us to treat each other right. I can hear you saying that to me now. But I understand that God took you home to be with Him and now you are not suffering or in any more pain. So rest on my queen until we meet again.
Love always Faye(Faith W. Gattis)

Faye (Faith White Gattis) - March 04, 2022 at 09:59 AM

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“ Sidney Family Suffolk Va. lit a candle in memory of Elsie Marie Collins



Sidney Family Suffolk Va. - March 04, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ Larry and family,

Please accept my condolences in the loss of your loved one. My prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.

Treasure the many good times together and always remain close.

Lloyd Ward - March 04, 2022 at 08:00 AM

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“ Sending condolence to the family of Mrs. Else Collins from the Jones,Boston family.Be strong and of good courage for the Lord thy God is with thee.

Norma Lee Boston - March 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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“ Allied Universal purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elsie Marie Collins.



Allied Universal - March 03, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsie Marie Collins.



March 03, 2022 at 02:01 PM