



Elsie Cephas (Mae)

March 19, 1925 - October 10, 2018

On March 19, 1925, Elsie Mae Young Cephas was the third child born to the late Robert C. and Annie Dell Young in Slaughter Neck, Delaware and after 93 years, she departed this life on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Elsie received her early education at Slaughter Neck Elementary School, which was one of many schools built for Blacks from 1922 to 1925. Elsie pursued her college degree and graduated in 1947, from Delaware State College, known today as Delaware State University, with a Bachelor's degree in Education. She began teaching at Ellendale Colored School 195C. Each school was given a number, and schools for Blacks were also given the letter C, the designation for colored. After the desegregation of the school, she continued teaching at Ellendale School 125, Houston Elementary and Lakeview Elementary and then retired in July of 1981, after 33 years of service.

Elsie married Fred G. Cephas, Sr., whom she affectionately called "Freddy", in March of 1968. They were married 25 years before his death in 1993.

Elsie was a lifelong member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, whereby she displayed her love for the church in the following roles: Senior Choir Member, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Coordinator, Finance Committee Member, and she was also involved in the Bible study group. Elsie

displayed her love for the community through her efforts with Slaughter Neck Community Action and comforting individuals who were in the hospital or nursing home, to demonstrate that someone cared about their well-being.

In addition, Elsie was a very loving person and showed compassion for others. She was also a great inspiration for others. She demonstrated this through the love for her family and friends through teaching them about the Bible and the love of Jesus Christ. She was a caregiver to her mother, father and brother and also helped her mother in caring for two grandchildren.

Elsie was preceded in death by her mother, Annie D. Young Frazier; father, Robert C. Young; husband, Fred G. Cephas, Sr.; two brothers, Robert A. Young and John "Buck" Young; niece, Ada "Sis" Ellen Smith; step-children, June Walker, Jon Cephas, Fred Cephas Jr., Diane Cephas and Timothy Cephas; two step-grandchildren Elliot Cephas and Keith Walker.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her four nieces, Evalynn Brunswick, Peggi Young Hudson (Lawrence), Barbarette Young Henry (Parish), and Jacqueline Young; one special great niece, Stacey Stevens; four nephews, Robert Young (Velma), Gonzelous Young, Sr., Lamont Young (Venita), and Neville Houston; one sister-in-law, Thorris Brown; two step children, Sandra Taylor (Greg) and Catherine Cephas; 22 step-grandchildren; numerous step-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

To send flowers to the family of Elsie Cephas (Mae), please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. The bible tells us at Acts 24:15 that the dead will be resurrected. Please look forward to that time. Until then may your entire family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - October 25, 2018 at 06:59 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God \"will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.\"

H. Fields - October 21, 2018 at 08:16 AM

HV

“ My 4th grade teacher at Houston school, my favorite teacher! So sorry for your loss of a beautiful and exceptional woman.

Holly Ventura - October 19, 2018 at 08:38 PM

LC

“ With blessings, love and prayers! Elsie, a special part of our family, will always be loved and remembered!

Lorraine TomlinVChildren~Jon, Lisa & Cheryl Cephas - October 17, 2018 at 01:11 PM

JO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Elsie Cephas. May your precious memories of your time together help you through this time of sorrow and you can find strength in God's loving promise at(Isaiah 41: 10.)

JoyceA - October 15, 2018 at 04:14 PM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - October 14, 2018 at 03:52 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Loves Me
We Are Special

Thomas Widgeon - October 13, 2018 at 05:46 PM