



## Pastor Elsie Lee Collier

March 2, 1944 - April 7, 2022

### PASTOR ELSIE COLLIER'S LIFE AND LEGACY

Pastor Elsie L. Collier, a former resident of Crisfield, Maryland, departed this life on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at home in Salisbury, Maryland, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born in Crisfield, Maryland on March 2, 1944 to the late James Lake, Sr. and Sarah King.

She received her education in the Somerset County public school system. Pastor Collier worked at the Sewing Factory, Handy's Soft Shell Crabs, Mrs. Paul's Kitchen and Campbell Soup Company.

While residing in Crisfield, Pastor Collier received many honorary awards and certificates. Some of her accolades include Certificate of Recognition for her commitment from the Governor of the State of Maryland, Certificates of Appreciation from the Mayor of Crisfield, and Omega PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc., Certificate of Honor from St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Crisfield, and Hall of Fame Award from Somerset County Branch NAACP.

In 1979, Pastor Collier became a member of the Salisbury Evangelistic Church of Deliverance Ministry in Princess Anne, Maryland at the Civic Center Pinto room, where she was a part of the Pastor's Aide Committee. She served as a Trustee Board Member during the establishment of the church on West

Road in Salisbury, Maryland for approximately eight years. Pastor Collier was licensed as an Evangelist under Apostle Margaret Johnson during the year of 1985 and served as Vice President for several years.

In 1992, Pastor Collier was the founder of Help Our Children Foundation in Crisfield, Maryland. She always had a love for helping other people, especially children who needed extra encouragement. She always would extend a helping hand to those in need.

In 1999, she married William Calvin Collier, Sr. Pastor Collier was very zealous and enthusiastic about her walk with God. She didn't mind serving in any capacity while doing God's work. She was the Founder and Pastor of Faith, Hope and Charity Ministries in Crisfield, Maryland. Pastor Collier and Bishop Collier were all about loving God and his people.

Precious memories of Pastor Collier's life will be cherished by: her devoted and loving husband, Bishop William Collier, Sr., and her five children to whom she was a loving mother, Gladys Williams of Salisbury, MD, Lynne Thompson (Michael) of West Melbourne, FL, Lydia Thomas (Johnie) of Salisbury, MD, John Lee, Sr. (Barbara) of Melbourne, FL and Debbie Bell (Clarence) of Marion, MD; bonus daughter, Annie Culbreath (Wayne) of Lumber Bridge, NC; one brother, Ronald Fosque of Laurel, MD; one sister, Alicia Whittington of Pocomoke, MD; fifteen (15) grandchildren; thirty-eight (38) great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Samuel Hickman, James Lake, Edward Lake, and one sister, Laverne Fosque.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

APR 15. 11:00 AM.

Benniesfh Salisbury  
<http://Facebook>

*Live Stream will be available after service starts, on our website, under Photos and Videos  
[Benniesmithfuneralhome.com](http://Benniesmithfuneralhome.com)*

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ Rest well, Ms Elsie. ❤️

*Sending warm thought and prayers to all of you as you say your farewells today.*

*Lynne- I'm with you in spirit, my friend. Much love, strength, courage, and peace to you today and in the days ahead. ❤️❤️🙏*

*Marcus and Nick—sending you tight hugs.*

*—Marchesa*

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**Marchesa Whittington** - April 15, 2022 at 08:27 AM

AO

*Sending prayers to the family, Pastor Elsie was Beautiful person. Rest in Peace.*

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**Angela Odom** - April 15, 2022 at 05:14 PM

MG

*Gladys,Lynn,Lydia, John and Debbie your mom Ms.Elsie as I called her wS such a Beautiful woman inside and out who loved her children. She Also made me feel very welcome and loved from the day we first met in Crisfield MD.*

*Always know we may not be blood related but I am so glad we are FAMILY ALWAYS.*

*GOD HAS YOUR BACK AND SO DO I.*

*Love you all and I am Still Praying for you my family. ❤️🙏*

*Michelle Gale*

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**Michelle Gale** - April 15, 2022 at 08:00 PM

MG

*On Behalf of the Mcbride Family  
Remember to look to the hills from whence cometh your help knowing  
that your help comes from the Lord. We are praying for the Family of  
Elsie Lee Collier and we love you all.  
Michelle Mcbride Gale*

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**Michelle Gale** - April 15, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.*



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April 14, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.*



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April 14, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of  
Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.*



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April 14, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JS

“ James Simpkins lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier



James Simpkins - April 14, 2022 at 08:27 AM

BR

“ Barbara & Jennifer Rabsatt purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.



Barbara & Jennifer Rabsatt - April 13, 2022 at 10:05 AM

FF

“ Felicia Rabsatt-Harris & Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.



Felicia Rabsatt-Harris & Family - April 13, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.



April 13, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.*



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April 12, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Pastor John Miller - Fayetteville, NC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Elsie Lee Collier.*



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**Pastor John Miller - Fayetteville, NC** - April 12, 2022 at 10:05 AM