



## Elena Rudica Seldon

June 2, 1929 - January 17, 2022

Elena Rudica Seldon transitioned from this life, on January 17, 2022, at the age of ninety-one.

Elena Rudica was born June 2, 1929 in Saluysoy, Meycauayan, Bulacan, Philippines to the union of Erene Milan and Candido Rudica. Elena was the eldest of five children, including sisters Rosing, Maria, Carmen and brother Francisco Kikoy. Elena contributed to the well-being of her family starting at the tender age of eight, leaving school abruptly due to the events of World War II. She worked as a nanny, housekeeper, vendor in the markets, and laborer in the rice fields. Elena always had a generous spirit and kind heart, and she enjoyed helping others in their time of need.

Elena met the love of her life Handy L. Seldon at a MacArthur sight-seeing tour near Guadalupe in the Philippines. When Elena laid eyes on Handy it was love at first sight. Despite the language barrier, the two were kindred spirits and their bond was unbreakable. The couple wed on May 22, 1947.

On July 27, 1947, Elena left her home for America. The couple decided to reside in St. Michaels, Maryland, Handy's hometown, where they started raising their family. Elena and Handy had eight children while living in Maryland. Under the guidance of her sister-in-law, Pastor Beatrice Cephas, Elena accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior in 1950 at the

First Pentecostal Holiness Church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. By 1961, Handy L. Seldon was appointed Pastor of the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church and the family relocated to Trenton, New Jersey. Elena served as First Lady for sixty plus years for the Pentecostal diocese.

With US Citizenship in hand, Elena and her family officially settled in Ewing, New Jersey. They had three more children making the Seldon household a total of eleven. She would later return to the Philippines bringing her mother Lola back to live with their family in America. Elena dedicated her life to the church and her family. As a mother, she viewed acting as homemaker and nurturing her children as an outstanding gift that was the heartbeat of her life. She was dedicated and passionate about sharing the gospel message, and she raised her children with fear and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ. Her love and sacrifice as a mother of a special needs daughter, Theresa, kept the family grounded in unconditional love.

Elena was an advent gardener; you could always expect fresh collard greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, and string beans to name a few. She loved to cook with signature dishes including homemade rolls, pancit, rice pudding, homemade coconut cake and sweet potato pie. She loved reading her bible and daily word, solving cross word puzzles, hand sewing, and worshiping while hanging clothes on the line. Elena kept an immaculately clean home, even with children and grandchildren running around. Elena had a special and unique relationship with each of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, as well as with a host of family and friends.

Elena was preceded in death by her loving husband of sixty-five years, Bishop Handy L. Seldon, her parents Candido Rudica and Erene Milan, siblings Rosing, Francisco Kikoy, and Carmen, and a loving daughter Theresa Alpha and granddaughter Kim Seldon.

She leaves to mourn one sister, Maria Tubongbanua, ten Children, Patrice Pride (Nathaniel), Antonio Seldon (Michelle), Catherine Smith, Philander Seldon (Sonya), Handy Seldon III, Carmen Scott (Stephen), Elena Seldon Williams, Learie Fletcher (Sterling), Christina Johnson (Brian) and Shelby Walker (Derrick), twenty-eight Grand-Children, Jon Garnett, Sherri Garnett McMullen (Anthony), Denise Peterson, Antonio Seldon Jr. (Ryenne), Christopher Seldon, Christina Seldon, Christian Seldon, Christie Seldon, Eric Smith (Daphne), Jarine Smith, Philander Seldon Jr., Kalanee Andino (Osvaldo), Handy Seldon IV (Melanie), Jason Seldon (Ryan), Symone Seldon, Carl Leonard, Sr. (LaToya), Tamira Ambros (Anthony), Adia Smith (Jared), Melvin Williams III, Elena Williams, Kahlil Harris, Kahlila Seldon, Baquiya Seldon, Jade Fletcher, Xavier Johnson (Elizabeth), Anja Johnson, Gerard Long, Brianna Atkins, Seldon Walker and Ashley Walker; forty-six Great Grand-Children, Sydney Garnett, Synclaire Garnett, Soleil Garnett, Monay Bennett (Jonson), Toni McMullen, Joshua Jones, Maui Seldon, Kikoy Seldon, Aignee Williams, Cortaz Williams, Coleon Williams, Alaya Seldon, Aries Jones, Jeuel Merritt, Noah Merritt, Reuel Merritt, Jr., Meylena Seldon, Adrian Flores Jr., Elijah Ward (Jasmine), Tymir Bethea, McKenzie Christie, Josiah Andino, Kyla Andino, Jordyn Seldon, Natalie Rodriguez Seldon, Siannie Guterrez Seldon, Makayla Seldon, Cassidy Morris, Nirvana Leonard, Kiara Leonard, Ava Leonard, Carl Leonard, Jr., Naiyah Ambros, Aliana Ambros, Jurnie Smith, Ian Smith, Zoe Smith, Josie Smith, Livia Cates, Kai Harris, Kali Harris, Kahlaya Harris, Olivia Seldon, Amari Seldon, Kemet Baxter, Trenton Long, two additional Long's and Ilo Atkins; six Great-Great Grand-Children, Tristin Garnett Thomas, London Bennett, Jayceon Bennett, Jay'anni Williams, Milani Williams and Nyla Ward; and a large loving family in the Philippines, a special Godson Ervin Elsey, and a host of friends.

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Funeral Livestream Information:

11 A.M., Friday, January 28, 2022

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# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

1800 Hamilton Avenue  
Hamilton, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light of the World Family Worship Church  
2400 South Broad Street  
Hamilton, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elena Rudica Seldon*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Seldon Family - I only recently learned of your Mother's passing. Mrs. Seldon was such a kind, wise and deeply religious woman. Her faith guided her words and actions. She will be missed by many. Sincerely, Marilynne (Miller) Baldwin*

Marilynne Miller Baldwin - February 11, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ *I grew up with Mother Seldon's children in Ewing Township, New Jersey. We are forever grateful that she was at the home going of our parents. William and Parrie Love and that we got to view her last evening. She was awesomely beautiful as always and will always remain in our hearts. We extend our sincere condolences and love to the family. She leaves a multitude of precious memories to sustain you as she joins her loving husband and others who have gone before her in Heaven. May the Lord bless and keep you is our prayer.*



*Pastor Berlinda A. Hart Love  
Payton African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Valdosta, Georgia*

*The Family of William and Parrie Love  
Ewing, New Jersey and Vicinity*

Berlinda Love - January 28, 2022 at 04:08 PM

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*Thank you Belinda! That was beautiful and our families certainly have a long awesome history! Keep our family in prayer as we go through! ❤️*



**Elena Seldon Williams** - January 31, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ *Our most sincere condolences to the Seldon family. You are all such a beautiful presence in our Ewing Community over many years. An obvious reflection of your wonderful mother and father. What a proud legacy your mother has left to us all. Peace and love family, Jay Watson and family.*

**Jay Watson** - January 27, 2022 at 07:08 PM

EW

*Thank you Jay! Our families have a long history as we continue to keep the great legacies of our beautiful parents. Please keep our family lifted up! ❤️🌈🙏😊*

**Elena Seldon Williams** - January 31, 2022 at 11:12 PM

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*Thank you Jay ❤️ Please keep us in 🙏*

**Carmen Seldon** - February 02, 2022 at 11:14 AM

Joan Price

“ *I met Mrs Seldon, 54 years ago, when I became friends with Cathy. This Woman of God, was truly an encourager, a light shining in the darkness, and full to overflowing with the love of Christ. She is where we want to be, walking those streets of gold.*

*Praying for your family.*

*Much Love,*

*Joan Diggs Price and Family*



**Joan Price** - January 27, 2022 at 06:21 PM

EW

*Thank you Joan! She was a jewel to those who graced her presence. Our families have a long history and will always be connected. Please keep our family lifted in prayer! ❤️🙏🌈😊*

**Elena Seldon Williams** - January 31, 2022 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elena Rudica Seldon.*



January 27, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elena Rudica Seldon.*



January 25, 2022 at 11:00 PM

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“ I met Mother Seldon when I became a member 34 years ago, of one of the Churches that her husband, Bishop Handy Seldon, was Presiding Prelate over! When I met that little lady she made such a wonderful impression over me for too many reasons to write here and I have loved her ever since! So did my girls who were babies then!! Trying to imagine her giving birth to 14 children and handling them was impressive in itself!! She was a fiery, Holy Ghost filled, Woman of God!! She loved the Lord and was not afraid to tell it!!😂 Heaven has another Angel and it will not be the same!!!😭😭 You will be greatly missed by sooo many! Mother..Rest in the Arms of Jesus!! You have finished your course and there is a CROWN 👑 WAITING FOR YOU!!!!🙌👑

Elder Christal R Mccoy-Jones - January 25, 2022 at 03:47 AM

EW

Thank you for such a lovely testimony of our dear Mother Seldon! Please keep our family lifted up in prayer! ❤️🙏🌈🙌

Elena Seldon Williams - January 31, 2022 at 11:17 PM