



## Elma Ree Ratliff

October 6, 1933 - August 12, 2013

Elma Ree Ratliff, the daughter of the late Sam Bold and Catherine Gatewood-Jackson was born on October 6, 1933 in Coila, Mississippi. She was predeceased by her husband, Elder Willie Ray Andrews, two daughters: Mary Ann and Christine Ratliff, and one sister, Fannie Emma Young. After a long courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease, Elma departed this life on August 12, 2013 at home.

Elma was married to Elder Andrews until his death. Prior to Elder Andrews, she was married to Assistant Pastor Norman Ratliff, Sr. Up until Elma's decline of health she was a faithful member of Bethel Church of God in Christ in New Brunswick, NJ. She previously worshiped at the Overcoming Faith Church of God in Christ in Newark, NJ.

Elma retired from Roosevelt Hospital, Edison NJ., in March 1997 after working as a geriatric nursing assistant for over 22 years and was a member of the AFSME Local Union 1065. Prior to Roosevelt Hospital, Elma worked at Brunswick Park Nursing Home, New Brunswick, for 17 years and was a member of Local Union 1199. While working at both Roosevelt and Brunswick Park she held a second job as a private duty nursing assistant for many years.

Left to cherish her memory are two sons: Norman Jr. and JoNathan (Andrea) Ratliff; eight daughters: Thelma Stephens, Katie Ratliff, Shambry Ratliff,

Cynthia (Nathaniel) Thomas, Sandra (Gary) Lassiter, Belinda (George) Green, Katherine Miller, and Gwendolyn Ratliff. Two brothers: Sylvester and Jim Jackson. One sister: Mae Catherine Jackson-Davis. 27 grandchildren (including Shani Ball, Jamila Ratliff, Leah Madison and Nadhira Ratliff who helped care for her), 15 great-grandchildren, and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, especially Thelma Blackshear, her lifelong best friend.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

771 Somerset Street

Somerset, NJ 08873

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# Tribute Wall



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