

Deaconess Lorraine Randolph

(November 29, 1927 - March 23, 2011)



Obituary

Eunice Lorraine Frances-Price-Randolph, born in Sicily Island, Louisiana, to the joy of the late Sylvester and Eunice Francis. To this union she was greeted with lots of love and what seemed like years for this special sibling to be born. She was the tenth of six (6) girls and three (3) boys. What a welcome she received, from Amelia Jordan, Gealie Newman, Beadie Starks, Janis Newman, Annie Lee Newsom, Martéal Bell, Dorethea Reed, Catherine Francis, Leroy Francis, and Jessie Francis. Through the joy, fun, and life experiences shared by the siblings all preceded her on their Life's journey. At a very early age Lorraine joined the church in Sicily Island, where she sang in the Junior Choir and became a Sunday School Teacher. She knew the Lord was truly her rock, her fortress, and her deliverer. She knew He was shield and the Horn of her salvation. This was her take on Psalm 18:2-3; she stated this many, many times.

Lorraine received and completed her education from the Sicily Island Rosenwald School. Then on January 16, 1943, she married the late William G. Price. To this union two (2) children were born; Frances D. Stephens and Jerry A. Price.

Moving to Monroe, Louisiana, Lorraine became a member of The Greater New Hope Baptist Church. This became the home Church for the family. Many of her children were baptized there and started to join activities for their age groups. Lorraine joined the Circle of Rainbows; the Sunday School, and the P.T.A. for the school. She also became a member of "A Cause For A Better Day". In October of 1950, Lorraine married the late Nathan Randolph Sr. To this union three (3) girls and six(6) boys were born: Shelia Randolph, the late Nathan Randolph Jr., Ricky Randolph (Nebraska), Alvin Randolph (Louisiana), the late Gary Randolph, Gregory Randolph, the late Roger Randolph, Janice L. Sinkler and Vivian K. Cannon.

In July of 1965, Lorraine and her "Stair Steps" moved to Boston, Massachusetts. Their means of travel was the Trailways Bus. They rode for 30 hours and never a problem to be had. Being the woman of great wisdom, and a lot of faith, she had packed enough water, sodas, and yes plenty of food for this journey. At last the great arrival was made. No one, Lorraine nor the children, looked as if 30 hours by bus was terrible. Most people traveled light. Lorraine did also. Guess what! She had mailed every thing by bus for different arrivals. One thing she did do was completely fill the storage room at the bus station. The smartness of the move became the joke of the family. And did the workers at the station wonder. They wanted to see the person that moved so much by bus.

The search began for schools, health centers, playgrounds and of course a Church. The Church had to be in walking distance, on the bus line, have activities for children, and be Baptist. Right there in the Community was The New Fellowship Baptist Church. After everything checked out to her satisfaction, she had found her Church home and the Pastor was Rev. E. O. Braxter. The family was greeted with open arms. Lorraine became a member, along with the children that had been baptized. Others became members by Baptism.

Lorraine began to wear many hats while working and serving the Lord: Deaconess; Sunday School Teacher; Vice-chair of the Missionary; member of the Annie May Moore Foundation, and she took on whatever task was asked of her. Under the Leadership of Rev. Eddie Ware, Lorraine was given the honor of being the Mother of the Church. She was so grateful and honored to have been chosen. Now she was everyone's Mother.

She was also a member of many P.T.A. Boards through the Boston Public School system, an advocate in the community and some political work was done. To walk with her and hear the many children ring out her name was something special.

Due to the closing of The New Fellowship Church, and not one to stay out of Church, she joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. John Womack was the Pastor. She served as Deaconess until the Lord called her home.

God truly blessed Lorraine's family many more times. There are twenty one (21) grandchildren alone: Eunice Stephens, Joslyn Suriel, Frances Louis, Vanessa Sylvester, Jerry Price Jr., Kimberly Kent, Darrin Duverge, Nathan Thompson, Jayson Thompson, Jamal Randolph, Nicole Marles, Kawii Shante Goins, Tikkikenyetta Goins, Gary L. Randolph, Kristall Randolph, Kimberly Randolph, Sabrina Mahupete, Shaquana Hodnett, Rodger Parker Jr., Taylor R. Sinkler, Errol Randolph, Josiah Cannon, and Mariah Cannon.

Twenty-five (25) great –grandchildren: The Great-Grandchildren of Deaconess Randolph: Jacari Price, Aubrey Anna Price, Nicholas Price, Nathan Price, Jerry Williams, Rickie Randolph, Sterling Randolph, LaiLeha Randolph, Dominic Mahupete, Jade Mahupete, Raymond Champion, Jahqui Champion, Theseus Champion, Jyruslarell Hodnett, Reece Randolph, Paul Abraham, Danaya Harris, Alexis Parker, Briahna Parker, Mercedes Marles, Jaylin Goins, Zaniya Getret, Shantebia Goins, Hanterrica Harris, and DeAngelo Woods. They have also provided her with a lot of hugs and kisses, and you could always see the twinkle in her eye. A lot of laughter and squealing was heard by everyone. To missing her will be her great and grand nieces and nephews, whom she truly held dear to her heart, along with her many, many friends.

Yes, Lorraine, your legacy of love, strength, and wisdom will carry on through your family. Rest now Lorraine for your work is done. Your life has been nothing but a love letter to all the world.

Rest----Rest now!