



**Deaconess Elva Elizabeth Stuger**  
**November 18, 1915 – December 8, 2008**

### **Obituary**

Elva Elizabeth Stuger was born on November 18, 1915, in British Guyana, South America. Her parents were Adina and Robert Smith. Mrs. Stuger came from a large family; she was the second child of thirteen. Mrs. Stuger was raised in the church. Her father was a deacon and an elder and her mother was a great worker. Mrs. Stuger's father was also a carpenter contractor. The church she attended was Saint Andrews Scots Church in Guyana.

Mrs. Stuger married Percy Stuger on July 15, 1937. Her husband was from the Surinam, also known as Dutch Guyana. They had four children, Sydney, Lenox, Joan and Yvonne. Mrs. Stuger began instilling values in her children while they were young. Now they are grown and have families of their own.

Mrs. Stuger came to America in 1970. She found employment at the Centre Minor Nursing Home, Roxbury, MA, where she worked until her retirement. Mrs. Stuger began going to services at Metropolitan and became very involved. She joined under the supervision of Pastor William Cooper in the 70's and received baptism. She was not use to the act of baptism because at her church in Guyana, she experienced the sprinkling of water. She served on the Missionary Committee and on the Board of Deaconesses, and sang in the Missionary Choir. Elva loved to read inspirational poetry in church. Everyone looked forward to hearing the poems that she read, always with great feeling and expression.

Elva was predeceased by her husband, Percy Stuger, in 1978. She is survived by her four children: Sydney Stuger of Irvington, New Jersey; Lenox Stuger of Boston, Massachusetts; Joan Stuger and Yvonne Stuger of London, England. Elva was the grandmother of 13, and great-grandmother of 21. Her only surviving sibling is her youngest sister, Muriel Hutchinson of Toronto, Canada.