

Obituary

Ethel Sarah Kelley Robinson

Ethel Sarah Kelley Robinson was born on May 25, 1931 on the Eastern Shore of Virginia in Northampton County. She was the second child and first girl born to the late Ernest and Sereta Kelley of Nassawadox, Virginia. After a lengthy illness Ethel was called to glory on August 20, 2010.

She was raised in a Christian home where her parents instilled strong family values. In 1944 she became a member of Frank Town Methodist Church where she and her family attended. Her family affectionately called her Sister.

Ethel attended the public schools of Northampton County graduating from the Northampton County High School in 1948 where she was an A student.



High School Graduation



When Ethel came to Boston in the middle 1950's, she eagerly looked for a church home and employment. Ethel found a church home at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Roxbury and was baptized there by the Rev. Samuel H. Bullock Sr. She found employment at the Elm Hill Nursing Home in Roxbury as a nursing aid.

It was at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church that Ethel met and later married her life-long loving husband of fifty-two years, Sidney Robinson Sr. They were blessed with five children: Sidney Jr., Deridre, Joshua, David, and Vernon.

In 1973, Ethel became a faithful and dedicated member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Rev. William Cooper. At Metropolitan she served as an usher, youth worker, Sunday School teacher and member of the hospitality

committee. She and her good friend, Pearl Watson, were known for their baking of "mean" cakes for church events. Ethel continued to serve the Metropolitan community under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. JohnH. Womack until her health failed.

Prior to her failing health, Ethel was employed by the Boston Public School System as a bus monitor. She retired after many years of employment from the Polaroid Corporation in Norwood, Massachusetts where she worked on the assembly line.

Ethel was known as a loving, caring, and giving wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was the epitome of unconditional love. That love was a force from up above that transcended through her to other. Ethel was a remarkable woman. She opened her home to many family members and friends. She will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by a son Joshua Robinson, and brothers Otha Collins, Ernest Kelley and Rossley Kelley.

In addition to her husband Sidney, she leaves to cherish her precious memories her daughter: Deridre Robinson; three sons: Sidney Robinson Jr., David Robinson and Vernon Robinson all of Boston, MA; two step-daughters: Eloise Blair of Stone Mountain, GA, Barbara Robinson of Canada; one grandson: Isaiah Robinson of Lynn, MA; one brother, Cassell (Dorothy) Kelley; four sisters: Julia Beckett of Accomack, VA, Mae Wise of Jamaica Plan, MA, Sereta Wise of Virginia Beach, VA, Barbara (Paul) Singh of Brooklyn, NY; four sisters-in-law: Dorothy Kelley of Roxbury, MA, Carmen Daley of Texas, and Eunice Delaney; one brother-in-law: Fitz Crossdale; one sister-in law: Hyacinth Crossdale; and nieces that she raised: Nakia Vanloan and Latia Vanloan of Mattapan, MA and a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of wonderful friends.



Hospitality Committee Metropolitan Baptist Church
Seated: Henrietta Moore, Pearl Watson, and June Cooper. Standing: Ethel Robinson and Lucille Searcy