



Evelyn Whittington

May 25, 1925 - August 21, 2016

Mom, Evelyn L. Woodland was born in Philadelphia, PA (Philly) on May 24, 1925, into a very loving and Christian family, Estelle Julia (Mother) and Edward Wellington Woodland (father) with twin brothers, Edward W. and Author P., an older sister Harriette D. Rector and younger sister Estelle J. Brown (who lovingly cared for her in her weakest hours), she loved and bossed them both. Mom. I've been told was a little busy body, always where she shouldn't have been (example) at strange people's funeral, crying louder than the family members, or jumping on the public bus back door, riding from West Philly to North Philly free, using money for snacks. Mom's family moved to Glassboro, NJ where she met and married Woodrow A. Williams Sr. the father of her two children, Woodrow A. Williams Jr. and Faith B. Baxter. Mom, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age, she would say, "I am a lifelong, died in the wool AME." Where ever she moved too, New York, Philadelphia, PA, Tacoma, WA and Virginia Beach, she was active in the Senior Choir, Missionary Society and Social Action Committee, Voting Registration, Civil Rights in her later years. She came to St. Mark AME Church and became part of the church, she loved her church family young and old, and she gained their Love and Respect for her Pastor, Rev. Vernon L. Ricks and his family. (They had their personal jokes.) Mom, had an interesting employment history; she was very proud to be one of the first black woman to be employed with NY Telephone of PA and retired after 28 years of service, then she campaigned and worked for U.S. Congressman Floyd H. Flake, her

Pastor at Allen AME Church, Jamaica, NY, She tutored literacy in NY and VA, she was an avid reader, Legislative Rep. for AARP in VA, active member of National Congress of Negro Women, NAACP in NY and VA and so many more, she loved her “The Birthday Girls of Virginia Beach, they all were like sisters.”

Mom was a world traveler, a news junky, an organizer, and the world’s best “Debater,” a reader of many types of literature, especially “Black History”, a music lover Jazz, Opera, Old time Rock and Roll like Marvin Gaye, The Spinners, Earth Wind and Fire and Hymns like “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” and “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”. Mom’s proudest accomplishment was the receiving of her Bachelor of Arts Degree with an undergraduate study in Education and graduated Cum Laude from City College, University of New York at the age of seventy. She was proud and we were proud of her too.

Mom leaves her loving children, Woodrow A. Williams Jr. (Beverly), Faith B. Baxter (Victor S. Sr.); sister, Dr. Estelle J. Brown, grandchildren; Victor S. Baxter III, Tuanunikka Monique Evelyn Keith (Christopher M. Sr.), Lanaya Williams Smith; great grands, Venise Shea, Velece Shantel, Vimani Sharif Baxter, Christopher Michael Jr., Christina Katherine Keith, Madison Beverly, Alston Woodrow Smith; great-great grandson, Ashton Hendrix, many loving nieces and nephews and so many friend worldwide.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church
1740 Potters Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
<http://stmarkamevabeach.com>

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I became acquainted with Ms. Whittington when we both started working for Rep. Floyd Flake in 1987. She was both a firecracker personality and a loving matriarchal figure. She has been missed. My condolences to the family.

Jameel Aalim Johnson - August 16, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JA

“ I worked with Ms. Whittington in 1987-88 during Rep. Flake's first term. She shared funny stories of growing up in Philly and helped make the office a fun place to be. My best to her family.

Jameel Aalim-Johnson - July 06, 2021 at 05:30 PM

BB

“ I am sorry to hear of Ms. Whittington's passing. She was a patient in my practice. I have been thinking recently, that I have not seen or heard from her[which is unusual for her]. The internet brought me to this.

I just wanted you to know that Ms. Whittington was special to me. She would always ask about my children [and called them "her grands"] as well as my mother [I have no doubt the 2 of them are having themselves quite a conversation together] She would brag about her wonderful children and "grands" and "great grands" and was so very proud of all of you. She would tell me about her life experieinces [in addition to talking about her health which is why she would come to see me!! lol... I would always give her a 30minute slot as there was no way of getting around these other conversations nor would I want too!]

I have NO DOUBT this amazing lady made an impact on everyone she met in a postive way. She changed the world one act, one person at a time. I often told her, if she was born in another era, there would have been no stopping her. I think she would have been our first African American and First woman president all in one dynamic, postive impact person.

I can only imagine how much you all miss her as I miss her dearly. It was my honor and Privilege to have cared for this wonderful person. She has made me a better person. I will truly miss her.

With Sympathy

Barbara S Bishop, NP @ Virginia Beach Neurology

Barbara S Bishop - June 29, 2017 at 10:41 AM

JR

“ *I will always remember you as a woman who LOVED her family especially her grandchildren. You always did whatever was needed , and gave what was required. Thank you for loving my family, you will be truly missed.*



Janise Robinson - September 02, 2016 at 10:50 AM