



## Arbedella Elam

May 18, 1959 - September 11, 2009

ELAM, Ms. Arbedella - Age 50, passed away Friday, September 11, 2009 at Genesys Health Park. Family hour 10AM Saturday, September 19, 2009 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11AM, Bishop Odis A. Floyd officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Saturday. Ms. Elam will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 Noon-8PM Friday. Ms. Arbedella Elam was born May 18, 1959 in Covington, Tennessee, the daughter of Charles R. and Pearlean Elam. Arbedella was a graduate of Hamady High School and Detroit College of Business. Ms. Elam was a member of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church, later joining New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Inspirational Voices, Hospitality and Kitchen Committees. She retired from Delphi in 2007 and was a member of UAW Local 651. Ms. Elam volunteered at the New Jerusalem Activity Center. Arbedella loved to dress eloquently, had a beautiful smile, was a people person and was loved by everyone. Ms. Elam enjoyed traveling, shopping, shopping, shopping and spending time with family. She had a special love for her niece and nephews. She leaves to cherish her memory: mother, Pearlean (Edward) Kahee; father, Charles R. (Edna) Elam; 2 sisters, Teresa Pete of Detroit, MI, and Robbie (Elder James) Washington, all of Flint; 3 brothers, Shelby (Rita) Burrell of Memphis, TN, Charles R. Elam and Ray E. Elam, both

of Flint; niece, Whitney Morgan Burrell of Memphis, TN; 5 nephews, Winton Burrell of Memphis, TN, Charles Elam III, Dominique Washington, both of Flint, Courtney Elam and DeMonta Washington, both of Flint; 8 aunts, Lillie Dyson of Flint, Katherine (Thomas Lee) Bernard of Indianapolis, IN, Mary Agnes (Charles) Morris of Covington, TN, Mae Francis (Robert) Muex of Flint, Earlene Maben of Covington, TN, Shirley Elam Lee of Nashville, TN, Teresa Elam of Atlanta, GA, Florence (Reginald) Wilkerson of Milwaukee, WI; 9 uncles, Clifford (Florence) Kahee of Stanton Island, NY, Walter (Beverly) Burrell of Beaumont, CA, Thomas (Kay) Burrell of Cordova, TN, Isaac (Bertha) Elam of Flint, Robert (Bert) Elam of Louisville, KY, Willie (Edna) Elam of Nashville, TN, George (Esther) Hill, Charles (Juanita) Hill, Calvin Hill, all of Milwaukee, WI; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Gwen Watson of Detroit, MI, Lonette Henderson, Gloria Moses Colen, both of Flint, Ricky Latimore and Etta Henton, both of Detroit, MI. Ms. Elam was preceded in death by: grandparents, aunts, uncles and sister. The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Manjit S. Grewal, MD, Roxie Reeves RN of Davita Dialysis of Grand Blanc, Genesys Regional Medical Center 3rd Floor ICU, Dr. Calvin Callaway, MD and Dr. Gary Weber, D.O.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arbedella Elam*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Ray and family iam so sorry to hear of Arbdella passing. You would have thought just one week ago when i was giving her a hug and kiss that would be the last time i would see her. We know she is in a better place looking down at us while she is rejoicing in heaven with her family. I will keep you in my prayers.*

**Monique jones** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *In my Fathers House there are many Mansions.John 14:2A.... One of those mansions belong to Arbdella.So, as she enter the gates of heaven to receive her rewards, please find peace in GODS Love, in knowing that she is safe in GODS Arms.  
Ella and I love you. Our prayers are with the family.*

*Gods Blessings and Favor,  
Mitch and Ella*

**Mitchell and Ella Teamer** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Arbedella,you have our deepest sympathy we have been knowing Arbedella for years ( Cornelia Street) her and my sister Linda were really good friends and we took her in like family. Our hearts are with you and remember: To Look to the Hills from whence cometh your help. You will continue to be in our prayers*

**William & Mary Flippen** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We had no ideal that when we hugged Della in church a week ago, that it would be the last hug she would receive and give to us. We will miss her. She fought a good fight, she was very faithful, even during her illness she would attend church. Our prayers are with the entire family. She will remain in our hearts always. I know that God will see you through.

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**Margaret Montgomery** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Elam Family,

*Please know we will miss Arbedella. We enjoyed her smile when we would see her at church. It will not be the same not seeing her sitting there smiling. It is a blessing to know she is with our Father. She will be with us always but it does not stop us from missing her.*

*Your family will be in our prayers. Remember God makes no mistakes even when we do not understand.*

*Your sister in Christ,*

*Cheryl and LaDierdre McKinney*

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**Cheryl McKinney** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We would just like to let the family know that we are praying for you and that Arbedella will always have a special place in our hearts.  
Love, Coley, Jayla & Caley

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**Jayla Davis-Gracey** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to my Aunt, Uncle and cousins on the passing of such a kind, caring and dedicated young woman. Della will be sorely missed but not forgotten in our hearts.

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**Barbara Sanders** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Deeply Missed, She was a awesome person, and awesome worshiper....I worked at great giant..she would always want me to carry her bags out and she would talk to me. Kind sweet person...True Worshiper, and women of GOD

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**Teandre Moore** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sorry to hear the loss of Arbedella. She was truly a angel and she will be missed. Our prayers are with you all.

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**marjorie chapman** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I didn't know Ms. Elam personally but I do know her father, Charles Sr., and her brothers Roy and Tony all of my life. But I want to extend my deepest sympathy to her entire family.

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**Re-Naye Sanders** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We are keeping you in our hearts and prayers, and though we can't be there we share your grief.  
Love, Cliff and Flo

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**Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Kahee** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YO

“ *Robbie & the Elam Family. It was with great sadness that I learned of the homegoing of Della. We worked side-by-side at Delphi and she was such a wonderful spirit. I will always remember her sweet smile and encouraging words. We know that she fought a good fight and has finished her course. May God give you and your family comfort during this time of sorrow. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Yvonne Sumpter Outland** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *To the Elam and Kahee families:  
I was saddened to hear of the passing of Arbedella. I met her on Cornelia street. Everyday we would ride bikes together. We attended the same church and sang in the choir together. When the old neighborhood was being demolished my family followed Arbedella's to a new neighborhood. I was somewhat skeptical at first but I thought if the Kahee's are here this must be OK. Arbedella was always reassuring and so positive. She always said it will be alright. In Della I had a friend, I made new friends but I kept the old because Arbedella's friendship was definitely GOLD. My prayers are with the family*

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**Lois Palmer Chapman** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Dear Family you all know how much I love Della she was my best Friend and I will forever be grateful that God allowed me to have the special time with her that I had, although I feel it was way to short I am still eternally grateful. Thank you all for sharing her with me. I Love You all*

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**Lonette "Lynne: Henderson** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ RAY and Dea. Elam Praise God for the life of Arbedella. She was such an inspiration to me. She always had a smile and a positive outlook on life. She will be greatly missed. The Sunday before she went on to be with the Lord, I saw her at church. As we hugged she paid me a nice compliment. She was smiling and looking beautiful (as usual). It never crossed my mind that it would be the last time. But glory to God it's not really the last time is it? We will see her again and oh what a Day that will be! Elam Family -- may God strengthen you and remind you that He is the great Comforter. He will be with you as you remember the good times you had with Arbedella. You have my prayers.

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**Twana Young** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers to Sister Arbedella's family and friends as the Holy Spirit comforts you.

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**Karen Collins** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Della was a wonderful person who always had smile to share. Praying that God will continue to strengthen you and provide comfort in your time of sorrow. Thank goodness we know that those who pass away knowing and having accepted Christ are rejoicing with him, Free from pain and hurt.

Love you,

*Deacon Henderson and Ketesa Allen*

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**Henderson and Ketesa Allen** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *I will miss you and your friendship. You will always be in my heart. We had plenty fun and laughter together. We had good times. Will miss the stories, your laughter and silliness.*

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**Annette M. Doby (Hussey) Ree Ree** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *We will miss your smile and laughter. Also the joy that you shared with us for over 40 plus years.*

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**Hussey / Malone family** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *To: The Family  
Just to let you know that you have my prayers. That I love you and that we were blessed to have Arbredella with us for so many years. My Prayer is that you keep you hand in the hand of the master and He will see you through this most difficult time. We know that earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Della fought a good fight she kept the faith and God has given her the victory.*

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**Gloria R. Jenkins** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *We pray for your strength. God Bless you.*

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**Bobby & Ella Bondon** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *In Christ, I am a new creature, old things are passed away. No more pain or rain only Sunshine. Every day is a Good Day for Heaven's rest you have gained. Sleep on my Sister, till we meet again,*

*Luv, always  
Nette*

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**Annette Henton** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *To my other Family, my Prayers are with you, as we celebrate the Home-Going of your Beloved "Della", there is Hope in knowing that we all know She's not Lost, for we KNOW we will be reunited at Jesus Feet one Day. For She Has Fought a Good Fight, and she ALways Kept the Faith..*

*May God Give us all Comfort in the Days to Come.*

*Ricky*

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**Richard Latimore,II** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *To the Kahee/Elam Family:  
Our deepest sympathy for the loss of Arbedella. Our prayers are with you doing this time of great sorrow and loss. May God Bless your family.*

*Rudy/Geneva Ward*

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**Rudy/Geneva Ward** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM