

Ballbearers

Michael T. Martin
Theodore R. Martin, Jr.
Gordon Oliver

Scott L. Martin
Brian D. Mitchell
Louis Fitzgerald

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad.
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized, that this could never be
For emptiness and memories would now take the place of me.
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.
- David M. Romano

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness, thoughtful deeds, prayers, cards and visits by caregivers, friends and acquaintances during her illness and in our hour of bereavement.



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In Loving Memory Of



Hilda Ellis

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Visitation: 11:30 AM

Funeral: 12:00 P.M.

UNITY FUNERAL PARLORS, INC.
4114 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois



Obituary

Hilda Ellis was born on February 15, 1909 in Memphis, Tennessee to Genia Virginia and John Davis. Along with her sister Susie, the family moved to Chicago, IL in the early 1920's.

After graduating from Phillips High School in 1928, she completed her course of study at Crane Junior College and began her lifelong journey of achievement. A highly motivated person, Hilda set ambitious goals and persevered until she accomplished them. Beginning as a beautician, she also worked as a highly skilled secretary, ultimately graduating from Chicago Teachers College and realizing her dream of becoming a teacher with the Chicago Public Schools. She spent many years at Sherwood Elementary School and especially loved teaching reading. She retired from Dulles Elementary School in 1974 after twenty years in the classroom.

A confirmed member of St. Edmund's Episcopal Church in Chicago, her many interests included gardening, antique collecting, quilting, and art. She was a talented pianist who loved music and shared that love with others.

The beloved wife of the late C.B. Ellis, Hilda leaves to cherish her memory three loving daughters, Barbara, Patricia and Suzanne; a son-in-law, Gordon Oliver; four grandchildren, Leon, Lisa, Brian and Lori; two great-granddaughters, Brianna and Jalyn; devoted niece Joe Ann Brew ; cousin Willie Bee Woodhouse; and numerous other loving relatives and friends.

Hilda's passionate lifelong commitment to education, as well as her thoughtfulness and tireless energy, were deeply appreciated by her family and friends. She was a devoted, nurturing and inspiring mother throughout her daughters' lives.

On November 29 at 5:10 p.m., Hilda answered the heavenly call from labor to reward.

Our separation is for a short time – and then we will see one another again. Good night and rest well, our dear loved one.

Regal and strong, caring and steadfast,
She was the heart and core of her family.
Working lovingly in her garden,
She nurtured every growing plant.
Daughter, sister, wife, mother,
Grandmother and great-grandmother,
She helped her family flourish and grow.

Order of Service

Officiant: The Reverend Father Darryl F. James
Messiah-St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church

The Burial Sentences

The Prayer for the Deceased

The Musical Selection *"The Lord's Prayer"* Ron Anderson

The New Testament Lesson Revelation 21: 2-7

Psalm 23 (said in unison)

The Gospel John 14: 1-6

The Musical Selection *"Old Rugged Cross"* Ron Anderson

The Homily Father Darryl F. James

The Prayers

The Musical Selection *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"* Ron Anderson

The Commendation

The Final Blessing and Dismissal

Interment

Oak Woods Cemetery
1065 East 67th Street
Chicago, Illinois