



A Celebration Of The Life OF

ELMER ELIAS POLK, SR.

Sunrise

January 12, 1920

Sunset

September 23, 1999



SERVICE

(Viewing - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, September 29, 1999 - 11:00 a.m.

SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

5421 Germantown Avenue

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Reverend Canon H. Gregory Smith, Rector

The Reverend Eleanor Woodroffe, Associate

The Obituary

On January ¹²~~8~~, 1920 **ELMER ELIAS POLK**, was born in Allen, Maryland located on the Eastern Shore. He was the third of eight children of the late Ulysses and Velmar Dorman Polk, Sr. Having begun his education in Philadelphia, he returned to Maryland and graduated from Salisbury High School in 1936. Elmer continued his education at Princess Anne College and Temple University.

World War II was upon us and Elmer, sacrificing like many others answered the call. His enlisted career began on August 29, 1942 serving under General George S. Patton, as a Technical Sergeant in the 349th Field Artillery Division. On January 3, 1946 having completed his enlistment's and receiving several awards and honors he began his civilian life employed by the Veteran's Administration.

Not only did he begin a new career, but on October 26, 1946 he began a new relationship with his soulmate, Elizabeth Elaine Ryner which would last more than 52 years.

Elmer retired from the Defense Personnel Support Center after 33 years of Government Service, in June 1975. Not only was he dedicated to his country, but also dedicated to his Lord and Saviour. He was a member of St. Augustine Church and later a working member of St. Luke's Church in Germantown, where he served with the Ushers, the Building and Grounds Committee, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the annual Church Bazaar.

A man of many talents and interests. Elmer's love of nature provided produce that he shared with those he knew and loved. Being a descendent of Thomas Elzey Polk, a Buffalo Soldier, Elmer became a charter member of the 9th and 10th "Horse" Cavalry Association, Buffalo Soldier, Thomas Elzey Polk Chapter.

On Thursday, September 23, 1999. Elmer was called home to his place of rest. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Elizabeth Ryner Polk, three sons Elmer Jr., Hugh and Erwin, twin daughters, Wanda Peyton and Linda Carter. Two sisters Leoner Battle and Velmer Collins, one brother Ulysses Polk, two sons-in-law, Forrest Peyton and Thomas Carter III, three daughters-in-law Rebekah, Beverly and Beatrice, twelve grandchildren, Vanessa, Niccole, Maurice, Elmer III, Latonia, Hugh II, Marcelleous, Jason, Brent, Lailah, Yaminah, Eric, great-grand-children, nieces and nephews and a host of relatives, friends and neighbors. Elmer Elias Polk was a true servant of God and mankind.

Order Of Service For Christian Burial

Dr. John D. Cooper, Organist

Mr. Eric Tyler, Sexton

Opening Sentences Book of Common Prayer P.491

Opening Hymn "Come Ye Disconsolate" LEVAS 147

Collect for the Departed Book of Common Prayer P.493

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

Book of Common Prayer P.612

Epistle

Gradual Hymn "Breathe On Me Breath Of God" H.B. P.508

The Holy Gospel

Remarks Reverend Joseph Cousin of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
Of Norristown, PA
Family Reflections

Homily

Reverend Canon H. Gregory Smith

Apostles Creed

Book of Common Prayer P.496

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer P.497

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer P.361

The Lord's Prayer

Book of Common Prayer P.364

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer P.498

Hymn

"When Peace Like A River"

LEVAS P.188

The Commendation

Book of Common Prayer P.499

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

FOR THE LIVING

To wake in the morn to the sweet robin's song
Is Living.

To walk thru the meadow, with kids tagging along
Is Living.

To part the leaves and spy a wee nest with sky blue eggs
Is Living.

To sit in the park and listen to the sighing
Of the wind thru the trees
Is Living.

All nature attend me.
Be my theater

• Unfold to me thy omnipotent wonders.
That I may adore my God by witnessing His Creation.

By Margaret Victoria Langston Ryner

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Family would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to their relatives, neighbors, and many friends for all acts of kindness shown them during the passing of their loved one. May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you.

-INTERMENT-

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