

A Celebration of Life
for
Elizabeth Elaine Ryner Polk



Sunrise
May 22,
1920

Sunset
April 7,
2010

Funeral Services

Wednesday, April 14 2010
Eleven O'clock AM
(Viewing: 9:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM)

St. Luke's Church

5421 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Reverend Canon H. Gregory Smith, *Rector*
The Reverend Christopher V. Pyles, *Curate*



Life Story

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith".*

~II Timothy 4: 7

Elizabeth Elaine Ryner Polk was the second of ten children, born to the late George and Margaret Ryner, on May 22, 1920 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth was educated in the Philadelphia school system and graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1938. She completed dressmaking certification after attending Helen Fleisher Vocational School for three years.

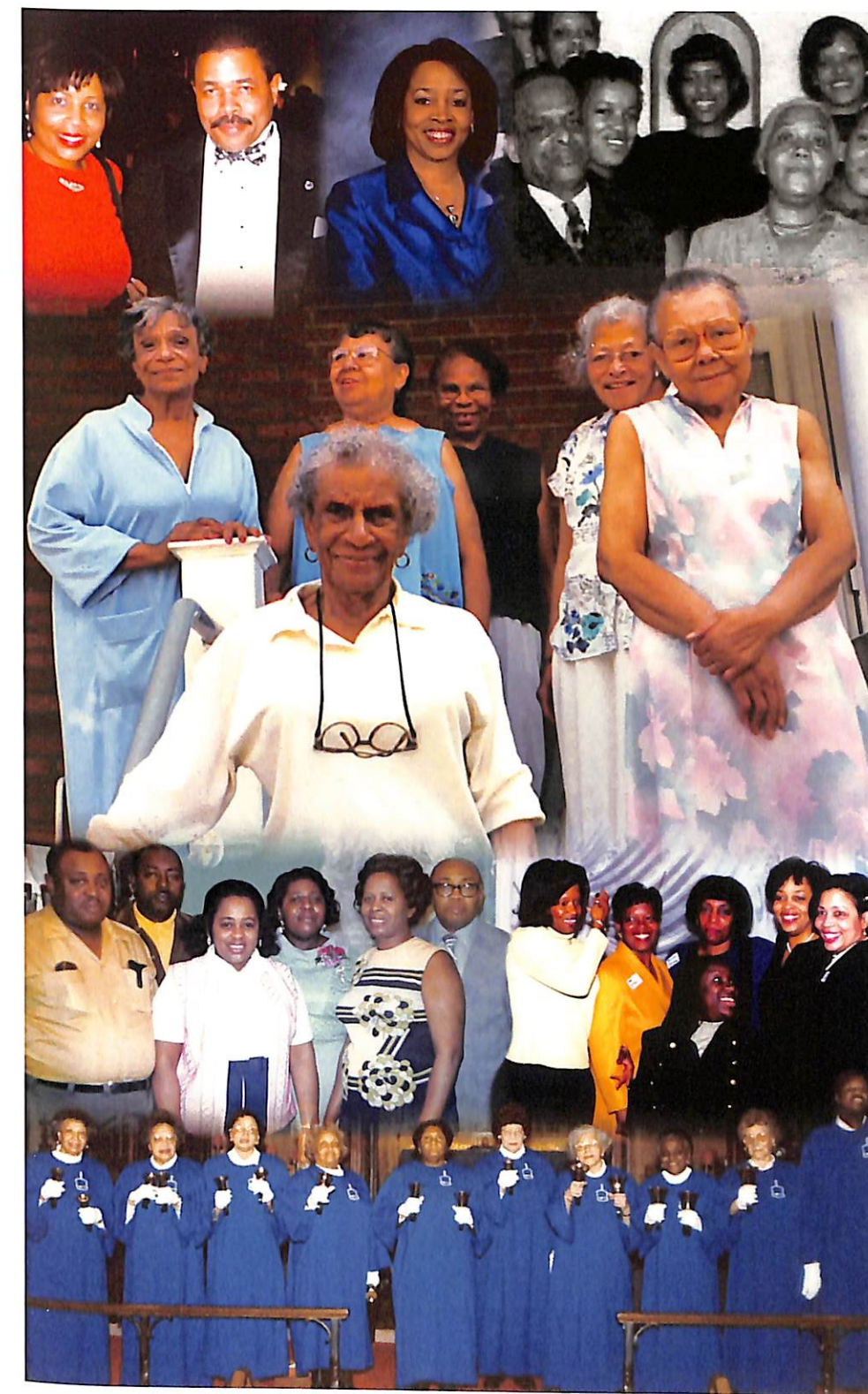
Elizabeth was employed by the government at the Frankford Arsenal, where she met Elmer Elias Polk, Sr. They were married on October 26, 1946. This marriage was blessed with three children: Erwin, and twins, Wanda and Linda. Elmer preceded **Elizabeth** in death in the year 1999. **Elizabeth** was also employed in the Philadelphia schools as a reading aide for many years.

Elizabeth attended St. Cyprian Episcopal Church and St. Augustine's Church. She joined her final church home, St. Luke's Church of Germantown, in 1968.

Elizabeth worked as a seamstress for the church, preparing altar linens and fine handwork for the vestry. She was a Sunday school teacher and an active member of the Altar Guild, The Friends of Music, The Arts Guild, The Bible Study Group, and The Senior Luncheon Group. For over thirty years, she could be heard playing in the St. Luke's Hand Bell Choir.

Left to cherish **Elizabeth's** memory are: her children, Erwin Polk, Wanda Polk Peyton and Linda Polk Carter; her stepsons, Elmer Polk, Jr. (Rebekah) and Hugh Polk, Sr. (Beverly); one sister, Hortense Baker; sisters-in-law, Velmar Morris, Leoner Battle and Doris Polk; one brother-in-law, Ulysses Polk; daughter-in-law, Beatrice; twelve grandchildren, Marcelleous, Jason, Brent, Lailah, Yaminah, Eric, Maurice, Elmer III, Vanessa, Nicole, Latonia and Hugh II; many nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives, friends and neighbors.

Elizabeth will make a joyful noise unto the Lord as she rings her hand bells in Glory.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement

Life Story (Obituary)

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

~ Private ~

Repast

St. Luke's Church

Acknowledgement

The Family would like to express their thankfulness for all of the prayers, cards, comforting words, and many acts of kindness shared with them during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Pallbearers
Family & Friends

This Feeling

By Yaminah and Lailah Carter

*It's a strange sensation to feel the warmth
of your smile without being able to see you
I can't say goodbye because I know that I will see you again,
so until then, this feeling is what keeps me strong
when I miss you the most*

*This feeling is a cool breeze like the ones I felt
when I was little and on the porch swing with you
This feeling is the sweet taste of your famous pound cake
or the soft ringing of your hand bells*

*This feeling is nice and cozy like the hats you always
begged me to wear when the temperature
dropped below 60 degrees*

*This feeling is a silent whisper in my ear
making sure I'm okay at all hours of the night
This feeling is a long and appreciated conversation
about England, Trinidad, or growing up
as a young girl in the 1920's*

*This feeling is a strange sensation but I hold on to it
as it embraces me tight and kisses away any tears
that threaten to leave my eyes*

*Although I can't see you Nana,
I feel you here with me, and it keeps me strong*

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