

wife  
mother SISTER  
FRIEND



*Blanch Elaine Gardner*

August 17, 1965 – January 7, 2025

# Obituary

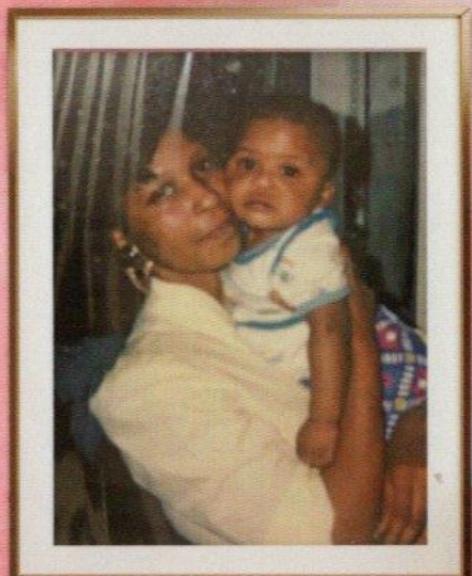
Blanch Elaine Gardner, 59, of Coatesville, PA, gained her butterfly wings peacefully in her home on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born in Coatesville, PA, she was the loving daughter of Blanche Etta Griffy Gardner Rodriguez and Clarence Gardner, Sr., who both gained their wings and the step-daughter of Samuel Rodriguez, who also gained his wings.

She was the companion of George Jones, with whom she shared over 30 years together. She was known as Elaine by her family and friends.

She received her education from the West Chester Public School System. Elaine worked as a nurse's aide for many years. She enjoyed shopping and loved to take care of plants and flowers. She also enjoyed listening to songs by Shirley Caesar and R. Kelly.

Elaine leaves precious memories to her fiancé, George Jones of Coatesville, PA; son, Byron L.



Gardner, Sr. (Emily) of Royersford, PA; two granddaughters, Nylah Gardner of Philadelphia, PA, Brooklyn Gardner of Royersford, PA; grandson, Byron L. Gardner, Jr. of Royersford, PA; one sister, Lillian Welch of Coatesville, PA; three brothers, Clarence Gardner, Jr. of Gap, PA, Kevin Gardner and Charles Gardner (Vicki) both of Lancaster, PA, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She also leaves her loving nieces, Tammy Gardner-Myers (Bashanti) of Atglen, PA; LaVette Gardner-Wright and Shontae Hamilton both of Coatesville, PA; nephews, Leon Gardner (Kissme) of Philadelphia and Teshon Hamilton (Allison) of West Chester; 2 great-nieces, Lillian Bell and LaToya St. John both of Downingtown, PA; 2 great-nephews, Dejon Gardner of Coatesville, PA and Demond Gardner (Blen) of Levittown, PA; her best friend/sister/niece, Angela Gardner (Marqui) of Downingtown, PA and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends, whom she truly loved and cared about.

In addition to her parents, Blanch gained her butterfly wings along with her sisters, Deborah "Debbie" Gardner, Lavern Gardner-Hamilton, and Carla Gardener-Brown. They all join in Heaven together again to form butterflies and stars in the sky.

Rest in Peace, Blanch Elaine Gardner.  
**Our Beautiful Butterfly!**

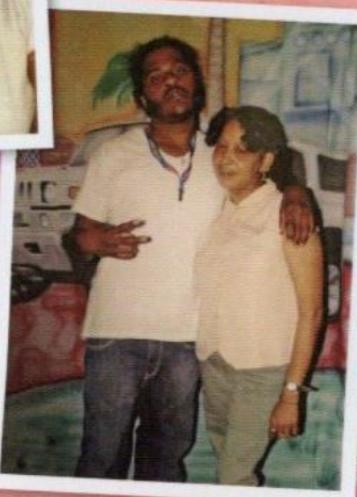
Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family



*Flowers they grow  
Start as mere little buds,  
Then they blossom,  
You were a beautiful flower,  
It started to slowly wither,  
Watering it wouldn't help you anymore,  
You're always in my thoughts,  
The way your voice sounded,  
Your amazing personality,  
Your kind heart,  
You're a flower that passed on and  
Gave nutrients to the soil,  
You are the best Ya Ya,  
I could have had  
This is my final goodbye to you,  
a beautiful flower.*

*—Ciani Elaine*





## Remember Me

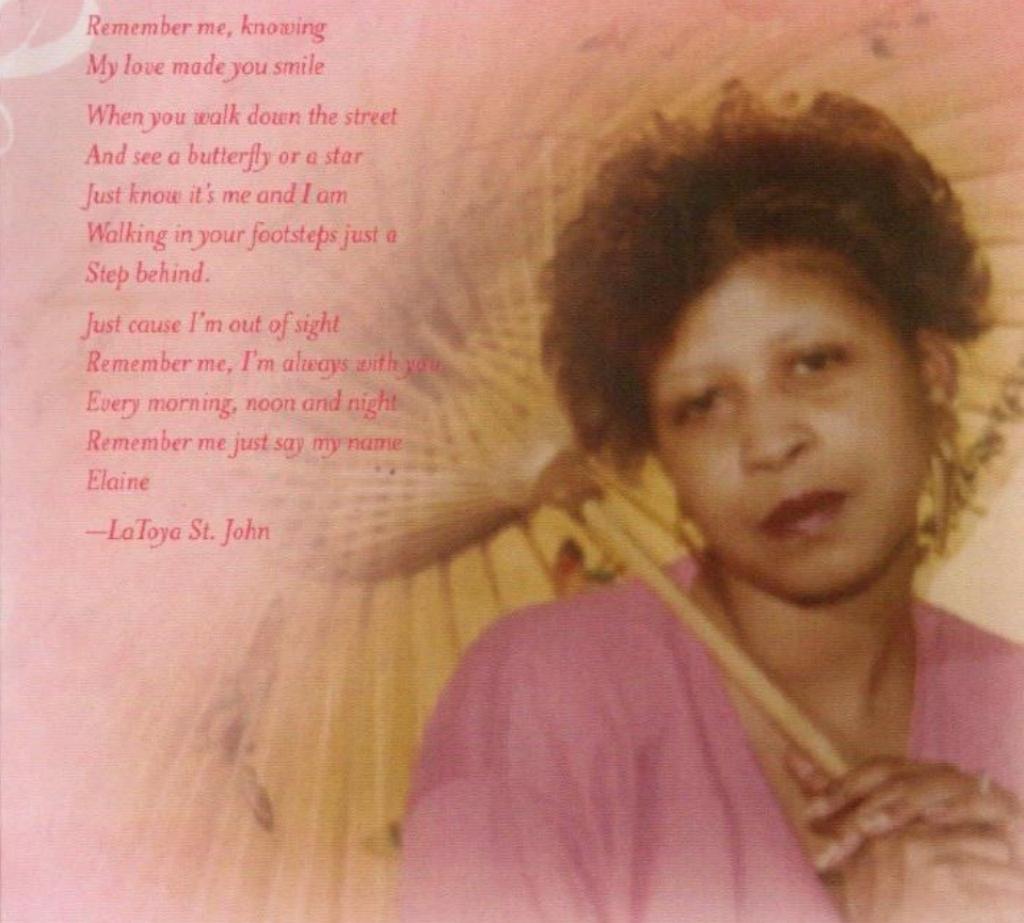
Don't remember me with sadness  
Don't remember me with tears  
Remember me with shared good times,  
Throughout the years.

Remember me as the butterfly  
I am & known to be  
Remember me, knowing  
My love made you smile

When you walk down the street  
And see a butterfly or a star  
Just know it's me and I am  
Walking in your footsteps just a  
Step behind.

Just cause I'm out of sight  
Remember me, I'm always with you  
Every morning, noon and night  
Remember me just say my name  
Elaine

—LaToya St. John





## *Order of Service*

<b>Officiating Clergy</b>	.....	Rev. Linda G.S. Ellerbe
<b>Musical Prelude</b>	.....	Bro. Aaron Bryant
<b>Processional</b>	.....	Clergy & Family
<b>Final Viewing</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	.....	No Not One
<b>Scripture Reading</b>		
Old Testament	.....	Psalm 23
New Testament	.....	John 14:1 - 6
<b>Prayer of Comfort</b>		
<b>Music Selection "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"</b>	.....	Kissme Gardner
<b>Reading of Cards, Condolences &amp; The Obituary</b>	.....	Sis. Deonna Harrell
<b>Family Reflections</b>	.....	(2 Minutes)
<b>Musical Selection</b>		
<b>Eulogy</b>	.....	Rev. Linda G.S. Ellerbe
<b>Remarks</b>	.....	Ventnor Wright
<b>Recessional</b>	.....	Clergy & Family

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

9:00 AM Viewing

11:00 AM Service

## SERVICE LOCATION

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church  
404 Zion Hill Road  
Atglen, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Linda G.S. Ellerbe, Pastor

## PALLBEARERS

Charles Gardner, Sr.	Leon Gardner, Sr.	Demond Gardner
Kevin Gardner	Dejon Gardner	Charles Gardner, Jr.
	Troy Wright	

## FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters & Nieces

## INTERMENT

Mount Zion A.M.E. Church Cemetery  
404 Zion Hill Road  
Atglen, Pennsylvania

## A NOTE OF THANKS

*Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. Thank you all for your support and love. May God bless you.*

*Sincerely, The Family*



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