

A C E L E B R A T I O N O F L I F E



ELIZABETH  
SARAH ADAMS

SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 15, 1927 | SUNSET: JANUARY 3, 2025

Thursday, January 16, 2025  
Viewing: 9:30AM | **Celebration of Life:** 10:30AM

Solid Rock Full Gospel Baptist Church  
7711 Walker Mill Dr.  
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743



# FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream—  
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord  
and across the sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints,  
one belonged to me and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest  
and saddest times in my life.

This really bothered me and I questioned the Lord about it.  
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you would walk with me all the way,  
but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life  
there is only one set of footprints.  
“I don’t understand why in times when I needed you most,  
you should leave me.”

The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child,  
I love you and I would never, never leave you  
during your times of trial and suffering.  
“When you saw only one set of footprints,  
it was then that I carried you.”

John 14: 1-4

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God,  
believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many  
mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go  
to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a  
place for you, I will come again and receive you to  
Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And  
where I go you know, and the way you know.”



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Prayer of Comfort  
Pastor Lance Aubert

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament: Cynthia Perkins  
Proverbs 31: 15- 22 & 25-28

New Testament: Brenda Bethea  
Revelations: 21: 1-7

Musical Selection  
Psalmist Tami Hayes

Acknowledgments, Cards & Condolences  
Michonda Woods

Reflections/Family Tributes  
(Please keep remarks to two minutes)

Ms. Lula Washington  
Allison Coleman  
Shawn Jolly  
Nana Jeffrey-Idun

Obituary Read Silently

Musical Selection  
Psalmist Tami Hayes

Eulogy  
Pastor Lance Aubert

Recessional  
Psalmist Tami Hayes

## **John 16:20 NKJV**

"Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy."



# REMEMBERING ELIZABETH

On Tuesday, February 15th, 1927, SARAH ELIZABETH GUION was born in the quaint town of Arrington, Virginia to the late Clara (Jefferson) Guion Wilcher and David Guion, Sr.. She was the youngest of four children. Later in life she would alter her name to Elizabeth Sarah. She received her early education in the Nelson County School System until 1943. At the age of 16, she relocated to Washington, DC where she continued her education.

Elizabeth's early work experience included working as a waitress and sometimes as a cook in the well known Hot Shops of Washington DC. Her later career and passion for helping others led her to become a PCA (Personal Care Assistant) to the sick and elderly in Washington DC. After retirement, she joined the senior citizen volunteer Foster Grandparent Program of Washington DC from 1995 until 1999. There she assisted elementary grade level educators with students of exceptional needs at Malcom X Elementary School. Working 20 hours a week she along with many others provided love and nurturing to many of the students. She also received "Call To Service Awards" from the office of The President of the United States for Civic Participation. Her giving heart did not stop there, she donated to the Easter Seals for people with disabilities, she sent donations to orphanages around the country by sponsoring a child or children. Being a person with a strong religious upbringing and faith, she always kept God first no matter what. She joined Galilee Baptist Church in 1981, and later Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, both located in Washington DC. Even when her health did not permit her to physically attend service, every Sunday she would watch televised church services. On any given day you can catch her patting her leg and/or tapping her feet while listening and harmoniously humming to good old down home gospel music.

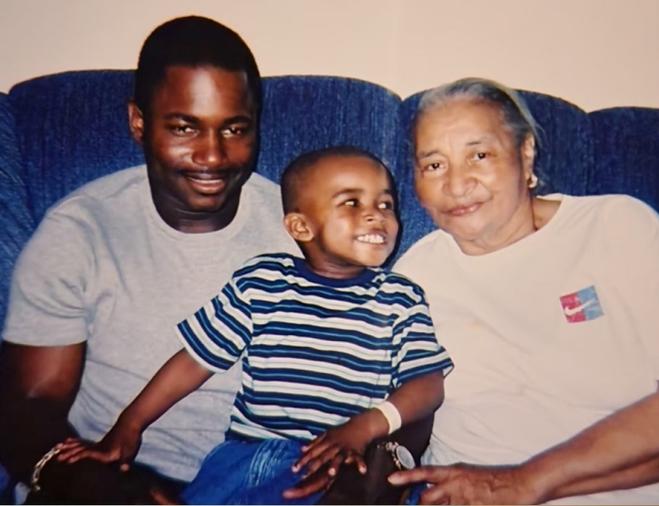
Elizabeth was strong, resilient, and determined as she fought through many adversities and challenges throughout her lifetime. Her sacrifices were unparalleled as she rose to the occasion to care for and provide for her family. She was also a survivor of breast cancer for over 34 years, she weathered through the recent pandemic, surviving covid at least twice and pneumonia three times.

Preceding her in death, are siblings Mamie, Marguerita and David; late husband Thomas Adams; life-partner Alexander Jolly. She leaves behind to cherish her memories: children; Joyce Jolly, Joan Jolly, Shawn Jolly and Alverta Hickerson. Grandchildren; Tonia Clark, Andrew Jolly, Victor Jolly, Da'Sean Jolly, Rodney Jolly, Darnesha Jolly, Christopher Jolly, Amir Shareak and Calvin Hickerson, II; Great-Grandchildren Tavon, Jamal, Aniyah, Quinton, and Taylin as well as a host of family, friends and loved ones.

The world was blessed to have Elizabeth for 97 glorious years. She leaves a legacy of kindness, a gentle and sweet spirit for all those who she met over the years. She will surely be missed.







## PALLBEARERS

Calvin Hickerson, II  
Jamal Jolly  
Leslie Jolly  
Lindsay Jolly  
Michael Jolly  
Christopher Jolly

## FLOWER BEARERS

Allison Coleman  
Brenda Bethea  
Cynthia Perkins  
LaShan Wood  
Stephanie Garner  
Mona Marshall

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The family of the beloved Elizabeth Adams wishes to thank all who extended words of consolation and encouragement during this time of sorrow. Thank you for showing up with warm hugs, open arms to fall into and strong shoulders to lean on.



The Family

A special THANK YOU to the amazing Home Health Aides who so lovingly and patiently cared for our Angel. We could not have done it without you. To the staff at Complete Care of Hyattsville (2- Vent), thank you for taking such great care of our loved one during her final years. GOD BLESS YOU ALL! I am forever grateful.

Special acknowledgements to Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, who have compassionately been very supportive of Alverta Hickerson and family throughout the years.

Alverta & Calvin Hickerson, II

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