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The family wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation, the many comforting expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one. A more personal acknowledgement will be made later. May God bless you.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# ELRA HARDAWAY

SUNRISE: AUGUST 23, 1924  
SUNSET: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Service to be held  
**Thursday, February 18, 2021**  
12:30 P.M. Family Hour • 1:00 P.M. Celebration Service

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**23rd Psalm**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He  
restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for  
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they  
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies: thou  
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*



**ELRA HARDAWAY**

Elra Hardaway was born on August 23, 1924 in Columbus, Georgia. He was the last of sixteen children born to John and Henrietta Hardaway. Both his parents and siblings preceded him in death.

Elra accepted Christ at an early age at the Prospect AME Church in Harris County, Georgia. He also attended the Harris County School system.

During the war he met and married Vivian from St. Louis, Missouri. No children were born to this union. Vivian preceded him in death.

In 1942, after the War, he relocated to Detroit, Michigan where he worked and retired from the General Motors Chevy Plant.

Elra attended the Church of Israel where he was a Deacon and sang in a gospel quartet. He would often take his nieces and nephews to hear him sing. Although he stuttered when he talked, he sang like an angel!

Later he met and married Ann Jordan. Elra accepted her son Mickey as his own. Both Ann and Mickey preceded him in death.

In the early 1970s, Elra met and married Arlene. One child, Robert Hardaway, was born to this union when Elra was 51 years old.

For over 35 years Elra has been with his love Fannie Townsend. Together they raised her four children, David, Nate, Cynthia and Angie.

As Elra grew older he appointed his great-nephew, Kenneth Hardaway as guardian over his affairs. When his health declined, his step-grandchildren, Alexis, Andrea and Heaven cared for him in his illness until his transition.

Elra always had plenty of stories! He loved to laugh and to make you laugh. Elra also was very eager to cook B-B-Q at family reunions.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his only son, Robert; a loving mate, Fannie; four stepchildren, David, Nate, Cynthia and Angie; three step-grandchildren, Alexis, Andrea and Heaven. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Scripture ..... Minister

Genesis 3:1-3, 19

Prayer ..... Minister

Obituary ..... Felicia Hardaway

Remarks ..... Willie Hardaway

(3 minutes)

Song ..... Janet Greggs

Eulogy ..... Kenneth Hardaway

*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. St. John 11: 25-26*

