

PALL BEARERS

Lewis Douglas Delaney Forbes, Sr. Tamonie Robinson
Delaney Forbes, Jr. Tivon Frazier Samuel "Blue" Vinton

FLORAL BEARERS

Family & Friends

A LETTER TO HEAVEN ADDRESSED TO MY MOM

If roses grew in Heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my mother's arms and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her and when she turns to smile.
Place a kiss on her cheek and hold her for a while.

IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDMOTHER

If I could write a story, it would be the greatest ever told.
One of a kind and loving grandmother, who had a heart of gold.
We could write a million pages, but still unable to say just how
much we love you and miss you every single day.

We will remember all you taught us.

We are hurt but won't be sad,
because you will send us down the answers

You will forever be our grandmother.

Love, your grandchildren

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for all acts of kindness and words
of love extended to us during our time of bereavement.

A special thanks to Tameka Robinson and
Nichole Renier for caring for our mother and grandmother around the clock.
May God forever bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.

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Homegoing Celebration



Mother

*Alllean
Shell*

Sunrise: January 22, 1931 • Sunset: August 29, 2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Viewing: 10am | Service: 11am

The New Macedonia Baptist Church

4115 Alabama Avenue, Southeast

Washington, DC 20019

Reverend Patrick J. Walker, Senior Pastor



Mother

Allean Shell

1931-2023

Allean Brown Shell affectionately known as “grandma” or “Ms. Shell” was born January 22, 1931 to the late Elihue and Rosa Brown in Edgefield, SC, the youngest of eight siblings. She was educated in the Edgefield County Public School District and later relocated to Washington, DC, where she obtained her high school diploma in the District of Columbia Public School system.

From an early age, she was raised in church. Allean developed a liking for music; she loved singing and playing many different instruments. However, she took a special interest in playing the piano.

In 1948, Allean migrated to Washington, DC on a bus with a ticket her sister purchased for her birthday. She never wanted to return to SC after that. She decided to perfect her craft by attending the Modern School of Music of Washington, DC.

In 1949, she met her husband, Casper Lee Shell, and welcomed their one and only, Nena in 1951. They were married 53 years until his passing, April 19, 2005. They joined New Canaan Baptist Church where she was a member for over 40 years. During her time there, she was the Lead Minister of Music, where she led the Choral Ensemble and Victory Choir.

She was a pillar of her community. She lived on the corner of Fort Davis Street for over 60 years. Allean was known for her beautiful flowers throughout the yard, her vegetable garden in the back or when too many people were sitting on her front porch and her cutting on the infamous porch light. She will truly be missed.

In 1972, Allean accepted a District of Columbia Public School position as a baker at Spingarn Senior High School where she worked for almost 25 years until her retirement. After retirement, she devoted herself to many different activities and hobbies, which included traveling with her sisters, cooking, having family over for cookouts, hosting holiday dinners, baby sitting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, watching *The Price is Right*, *Family Feud* and talking on the phone. There was never a time she didn't pick up the phone to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors for her daily gossip! In 2003, she joined The New Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Patrick J. Walker, where she began singing with The Faithful Gospel Choral Ensemble until her health prevented her from attending.

Allean was preceded in death by her husband, Casper Shell; siblings, Louell Brown, James Brown, NB Brown, William Brown, Inez Mincey, Amy Blocker and Elfair Wash.

Our matriarch leaves to cherish loving memories: one daughter, Nena (Ronald Sr.) Forbes; four grandchildren; Tameka Robinson, Delaney (Mikie) Forbes, Sr., Ronald Forbes, Jr. and Raisa Forbes; ten great-grandchildren, Tyree Sr., Tamara, Deijah, Delaney Jr., Ashley, Tayon, Tamonie, Saniya, Tamia and Faith; two great-great-grandchildren, Tyree Jr. and Marlana; and devoted bonus grandchild, Nichole Renier and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Musical Selection

“Take Me to the King”

Kenny Sway

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament Ezekiel 37:12-14

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

“I Won't Complan”

Kenny Sway

Acknowledgements & Obituary Reading

Deaconess Arjetta D. White, Church Clerk

Reflections

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Reverend Patrick J. Walker, Senior Pastor

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Hill Cemetery

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