

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



## Mrs. Eloise Delores Davis

MARCH 22, 1931 ~ SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

*Sunday, September 14, 2025  
11:00 AM*

*East Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
12776 Cottonville Road  
Norwood, North Carolina*

*Reverend David Gaddy, Pastor*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Musical Prelude*

*Family Processional*

*Selection.....*.....*Choir*

*Scripture Readings.....*.....*Minister*

*Prayer of Comfort.....*.....*Minister*

*Selection.....*.....“*I'll Be Alright*”.....*Sis. Jocelyn Benjamin*

*Remarks.....*.....*Family & Friends*

*Church Resolution*

*Acknowledgments.....*.....*Harold C. & Evadne K. Smith*

*Solo.....*.....“*I Am Free*”.....*Sis. Barbara Gaddy*

*Eulogy.....*.....*Pastor David Gaddy*

*Committal*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Family Plot-Church Cemetery*

*Acknowledgment*

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the our family, friends, and neighbors who have rendered support at this most difficult time, to those who have traveled long distances, and to those who have sent floral tributes, cards, and messages of condolence. We are truly grateful.

# OBITUARY

Mrs. Eloise Delores Davis, age 94, of Brooklyn, New York, entered into eternal rest on September 4, 2025. She was born on March 22, 1931, in Stanly County, North Carolina, to her loving parents, the late Jasper Ponds and Hattie Mae Ponds.

Eloise received her formal education through the Stanly County Public School System and later pursued certifications in Christian Education Studies, which strengthened her faith and commitment to God's work. She was also a proud and dedicated member of Local 242 International Laborers' Union of North America (LIUNA), where she worked faithfully until her retirement.

Upon her relocation back to North Carolina in 2015, Eloise renewed her membership at her home church, East Macedonia Baptist Church, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. David Gaddy. She faithfully worshipped there until returning to New York in her declining years.

Known as the "Family Matriarch," Eloise lived a full life rooted in faith, love, and service. She was a devoted Christian whose trust in Christ never wavered. She enjoyed traveling, visiting friends, and riding through the city and countryside. She especially delighted in spending time with her children, grandchildren, and extended family. Eloise also found joy in simple pleasures—like keeping her mind sharp with games of Solitaire on her iPad.

Her presence was a gift to all who knew her. Eloise's sharp wit and quick comebacks always brought laughter and joy, and her warmth extended far beyond her immediate family. She was a mother figure to many and touched countless lives with her love, wisdom, and compassion.

Eloise was united in marriage to the late Charlie Davis, with whom she shared many years of love and devotion. She was preceded in death by her sister, Alta Beeks, and her brother, Alvin "Lil Joe" Ponds. She leaves to cherish her memory one brother, Alvis "Big Joe" Ponds.

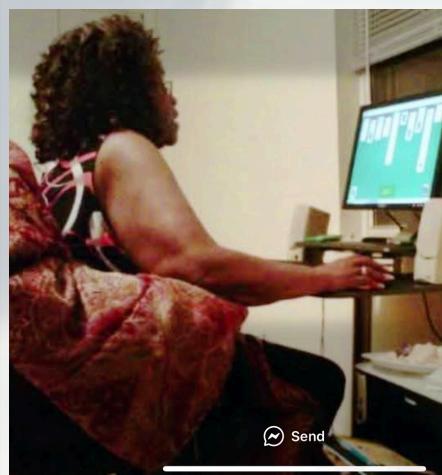
She was the proud mother of five children: Brenda Ballard (Brooklyn, NY), Carol Clark (Charlotte, NC), Jeannie Fields (Huntsville, AL), Gwendolyn Davis (Brooklyn, NY), and Marvin Davis (Middletown, CT). Her legacy continues through her nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren—five living generations whom she deeply loved and cherished.

In addition to her natural born children, she was the proudest parent ever of her sixth child, Nipsy Tanner Davis, her little Shih Tzu Dog. Nipsy was her constant companion, her loving protector and emotional support provider. She loved him dearly and he remained by her side to the end.

Eloise will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her deep devotion to family, and the legacy of love she leaves behind. She will be dearly missed by all who had the honor of knowing her.

"Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, she is loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

# FAMILY MEMORIES



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