

A Celebration of a Wonderful Life For
Elishebah Davis

Ben Levi

Saturday, September 11, 2021 | 11:00 AM

*St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church | 1601 Barnard Street
Savannah, GA 31401*

*Rev. Dr. Da'Henri R. Thurmond, Sr., Senior Pastor
Reverend Anthony L. Edwards, Eulogist
Beulah Baptist Church*



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My Life's Story



Mankind has often been referred to as flowers in God's garden. It is said that the Master Gardener plucks His flowers according to His will. Some are required at birth; others are picked at various stages of maturity. In His own time and for His purpose, God permitted the angel of death to end the earthly sojourn of Elishebah Davis BenLevi.

Elizabeth Delores was born on August 5, 1940 to the Late Leon "Pieback," Sr. and Lucille Blue Davis. She was the fifth oldest sibling of thirteen. She was baptized at an early age at Central Missionary Baptist Church.

Lizzy's early years were spent in "The Old Fort" (170 Arnold Street) and spoke about the good times and memories created there. This is where the ideal of family and togetherness was initially instilled in her. She would often attend the "Old Fort" Reunions that were held. The family later moved to the Woodville Community where those values continued forming lifelong relationships with other families i.e., The Anthonys, The Grants and The Stones, just to name a few. The Davis Children, along with their father raised chickens, hogs and goats, which would later become the source of meals for the family. During the summer, Daddy Leon would barbeque a goat, pluck the peanuts he'd grown and have a neighborhood feast! Oh, what good times were had there! Lizzy also spent a lot of her time with her family in Yemassee, Coosawhatchie, Pocotaligo, Point South and Port Royal, South Carolina where she and her siblings and cousins, would gather Sassafras and the ingredients for the "infamous" Life Everlasting Tea.

Lizzy was educated in the public schools of Chatham County and graduated from Sophronia M. Tompkins High School with the Class of 1958. Tompkins is where the importance of education was impressed upon her, instilling this value in her children and grandchildren. Shortly after graduation, she headed to "The Big Apple," New York City, to further her education. Her nurturing spirit led her back to Savannah, then to Miami, Florida and back to New York.



While in New York, Elishebah connected with Hashabah Yisrael. Here is where a different way of life was introduced, one in which she always held near and dear.

In 1980, she returned home to Savannah and eventually she moved back to the Woodville Community that she loved so dearly. Upon returning, she helped establish a family owned business, A, B & J Construction with her brother, Richard. She was employed and retired from the City of Savannah and the Chatham County Detention Center. After retiring, she joined and was a very active member of the Moses Jackson and currently Carver Heights Golden Age Centers. She was also an active member of Central Missionary Baptist Church. Wanting to not be idle, she found enjoyment as a Bus Monitor with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System Transportation Department. Ms. Ben formed loving relationships with all of her co-workers as well as the children.

Elishebah never met a stranger. She was affectionately known by Emo, Sava, Doda, Lish, Lizzy, Sissy Boo and Ms. B, just to name a few. Her charismatic demeanour lit up any room she entered. She was a fun loving person with a unique sense of humor. She liked what she liked, but if she didn't, there was no persuading her otherwise. She was and will always be remembered as the "Encourager" boosting the moral, for not only her family, but everyone she came in contact with. Our Life of the Party! Elishebah loved her family. She loved the 3rd Sunday Family Fellowship and made sure that the tradition was carried on, even if few in number, cooking just about anything especially her famous turkey necks and chicken feet.

On Saturday, September 4th, Elishebah received her wings and peacefully entered into the waiting arms of our Lord and Saviour. Her spirit and soul that were imprisoned in a house of clay was released to a sleep of which only God knows the awakening. Lish was preceded in death by her siblings, Charles, Leon, Jr., Jeremiah, Isaac and Hazel and her godmother, Mable Brown.

Embedded deeply in our hearts, Elishebah will live forever. Her precious memories will be treasured by her children, Abshalom BenLevi, Geulah BenLevi, Shevuah BenLevi and Atzmayah (Howard) Bailey; bonus son, Eric (Melissa) Brown; grandchildren, Ashia, Emmanuel Jabre, Amari, Karee, Ashley, Naderia, DeQuan, Gerrard, Zoe and bonus grandson, Malik; great-grandchildren, Makylo, Anari, Jayla, Bailey, Riley, Emmanuel "Mannie", Rylan and Journee; siblings, Clarence John Davis, Barbara A. Davis, Mary L. Davis, Richard (Beverly) Davis, Sherrel Mickel, Rebecca Davis Johnson-Middleton, Gwendolyn D. Kelly and Mary Davis Smalls; godchildren, Stanley Edwards, Debra Frazier Riley, Shetmiyah Yisrael, Shofaetiyah D. Watson and Hazel K. Hunter; her nieces, nephews and cousins whom she loved and adored, other loving and countless friends.



Order of Service

Rev. DeAndre D. Bouyer, Officiating
Central Missionary Baptist Church (Old Fort/ Historic District)

Processional

Clergy & Family

Scripture Readings
Old Testament

Dea. Joseph Johnson
Central Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament

Dea. Tremayne A. Kelly
Central Missionary Baptist Church

Invocation

Rev. Antonio D. Powell
Second Ebenezer Baptist Church

Selection

Central M. B. Church
Sanctuary Choir

As I Knew Her

Mrs. Ciara Johnson Ellington
Mrs. Cynthia Burke McCoy
Mrs. Tonia Howard~Hall
Mr. Howard G. Bailey

Special Tribute

Resolutions/Acknowledgements

Ms. Nikol D. Davis

Solo

Ms. Sebrina Jones

Words of Comfort

Rev. Anthony L. Edwards
Beulah Baptist Church

Recessional

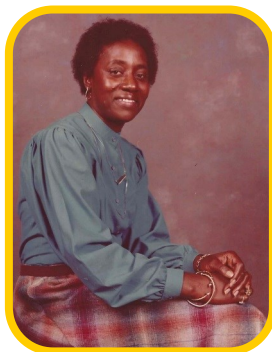


The Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
 I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
 The good life I lived while I was strong.
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
 Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
 My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
 Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
 Continue traditions, no matter how small.
 Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
 I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
 Until the day comes we're together again."*



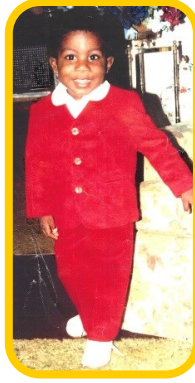
Eternal Love, Emo

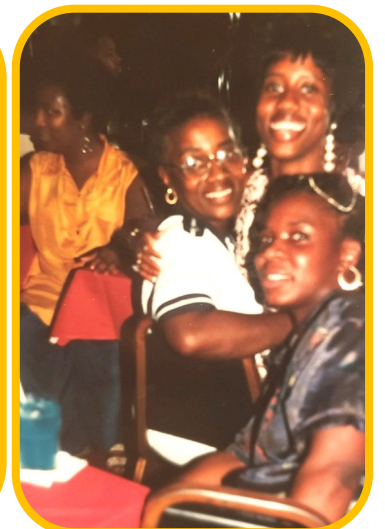
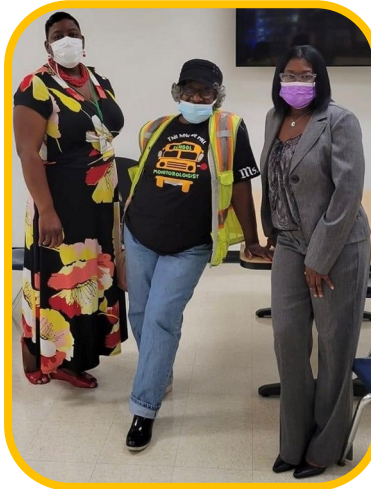


Family

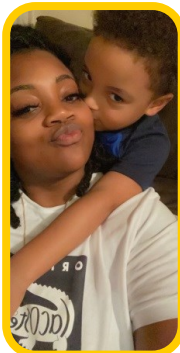
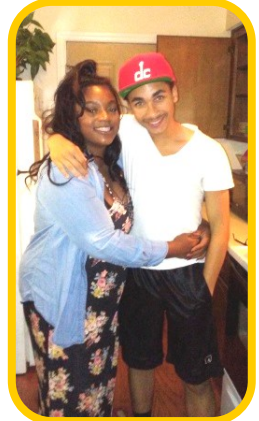
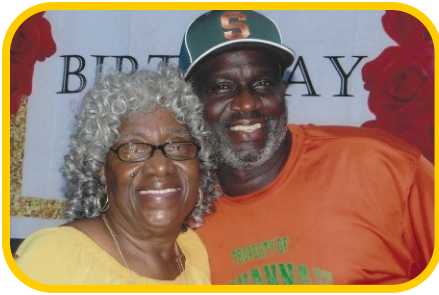


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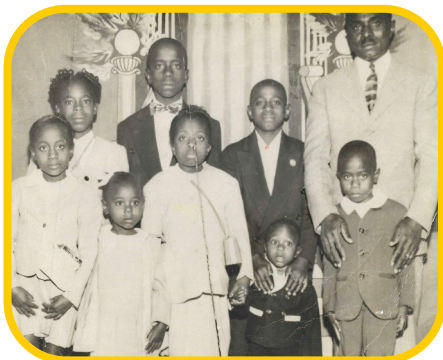




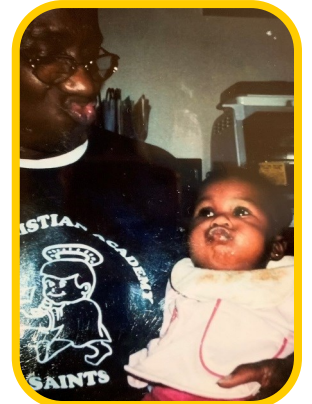
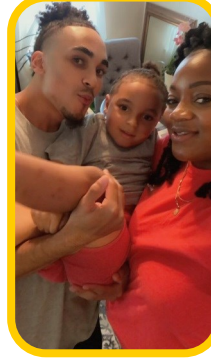
Sibling



& Love



Grandchildren





The Last Dance



*We imagine you dancing
Skipping among the clouds
Happily singing with the angels
Looking down upon the crowds*

*We imagine you laughing
Your heart lovingly set free
You understand my grief
In ways we cannot see*

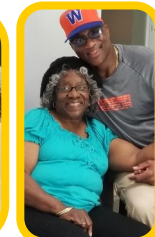
*We imagine you greeting
The others that we love
That sadly left this earth
For a home with you above*

*We imagine you watching
The many things we do
Proudly standing beside us
As we remember and honor you*

*All these visions gave us hope
That death is not the end
That an eternity awaits us
That together we will spend*

*Can't wait to 2 Step
and Chuck Baby with you!*

From Your Crew



Active Pallbearers

Jamar H. Davis, Sr.
Melvin Smalls
Derrick S. Hunter
Tremayne A. Kelly

Stephon Smith
Stanley Edwards
Johney Jeffery
Shofaetiyah D. Watson

Honorary Pallbearers

Sean L. Stephens, Sr.
Marion Blue, Jr.
Kenneth Smalls
Yachatard Mickel

Kevin Cody
Marquel T. Davis
Tyrone Smalls
Derrick McBride

Floral Attendants

Savannah Chatham County Public Schools Transportation Staff

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~The Family of the Late Elishebah Davis BenLevi~



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