



**Sunrise**

April 9, 1922

**Sunset**

October 14, 2024

October 21, 2024

**Viewing**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**Homegoing Celebration**

10:30 AM

Mt. Teman AME Church  
160 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Rev. George E Britt  
Pastor

# Pallbearers

Darnell Davis

Brother Roy Long

Nathaniel H. Wallace, Jr.

Brother Leonard Williams, Sr.

## ENTOMBMENT

Rosedale Cemetery, 750 E. Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036

# Acknowledgments

Ernest J. Ringer and the family of Celia Ann Reid Ringer extends their heartfelt thanks and appreciation at this great time of loss for your prayers, expressions of love, support and visits before and during this period of bereavement. We are grateful for your kindness, generosity, and goodwill that she cherished, which will remain a precious memory for the family. May God richly bless each of you on your life's journey.

A Repast will follow the Entombment

at

Mt. Teman AME Church

160 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# Celia Ann Reid Ringer





*Celia, you are the love of my life and I cherish each and every moment of the 55 years since we met; 48 of those years as husband and wife. You're a wonderful and loving wife and companion, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin and Friend to many. Overall you're a great person; just a lot of fun to be with.*

*God knows I am missing you reaching out to hold my hand and call my name, as only you could – RINGER!!!!*

*Celia, I know that you know that I will always love you. I will never stop loving you. I've been missing you since the moment God called you Home. You have brought me great joy and happiness. Thank you Celia for everything and I thank God for you.*

*My heart is hurting, but I know I will see you again.*

*Lovingly,*

*Your Husband Ernest J. Ringer*





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# Order of Service

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN  
*Blessed Assurance*

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
*Bishop Wayne Johnson*  
*Bibleway Deliverance Center*  
*Roselle, NJ*

SCRIPTURE READINGS  
*Old Testament*  
*Psalm 23*

*New Testament*  
*John 14:1-6*

SELECTION  
*Safe in His Arms*  
*Deacon William C. Lee,*  
*Antioch Baptist Church, Springfield, NJ*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

SELECTION  
*I Won't Complain*  
*Deacon William C. Lee*  
*Antioch Baptist Church, Springfield, NJ*

OBITUARY  
*Mona Terrell Wallace*

REFLECTIONS  
*Brenda Williams*  
*Robi Adams*  
*Brother Roy Long, Mt. Teman AME Church*  
*Bishop Wayne Johnson*  
*Bibleway Deliverance Center*  
*Roselle, NJ*

SELECTION  
*(Tribute Song From Husband Ernest Ringer)*  
*I Will Always Love You, Whitney Houston (Audio)*

EULOGY  
*Rev. George E. Britt*  
*Pastor, Mt. Teman AME Church*

RECESSIONAL  
*Here's to Life, Shirley Horne (Audio)*

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*Linden, NJ 07036*

# Obituary

**Celia Ann Reid Ringer** was born April 9, 1922 to the late Nellie J. Rhone and the late Joseph Alexander Gross Terrell in Sparks, GA. She was predeceased by her stepfather Rev. Robert Rhone and her brother Thomas C. Terrell.

She attended Ballard Normal School, a boarding school located in Macon, GA. She attended Paine College in August, GA where she received her degree in Home Economics in 1940.

Celia moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1944. She worked at Eastern Aircraft located in Linden, NJ, then went to work for ODB, an office of the Federal Government, where she worked as a Treasury Collector, processing checks for veterans of the U.S. military.

In January of 1946, she married James P. Reid at Mt. Teman AME Church in Elizabeth, NJ. That year she also moved to Roselle, NJ where she has been a resident for 78 years. From that union came four children, James, Jr.; Nella (Sissy); Robert and Stanley (all deceased). She was widowed in 1966. She has five grandchildren, James Paul Reid III (deceased), Celia Reid, Gabrielle Reid, Taylor Reid, and Brittany Reid.

With the birth of her children she became a homemaker. After her husband died, in 1966 she went back to school at Newark State Teachers' College (now Kean University), receiving her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Subsequently, she received her Master's degree in Education with a focus on Disabled Children (now known as Special Needs Education). She worked for the Elizabeth and Westfield Boards of Education. She retired in 1985.

In 1969, Celia met her soulmate in Roselle, NJ resident Ernest J. Ringer in 1969 and they have been married 48 wonderful years since 1976. Theirs was a testament to what real, true, committed and enduring love means. Over the years she and Ernest enjoyed their favorite hobbies, traveling domestically and internationally; and she loved cooking; and entertaining friends and family.

Mother Ringer has been a member of Mt. Teman AME Church in Elizabeth, NJ for 74 years and during that time she was an active and attentive member of the Pastor's Aide Ministry. She also played an integral role in helping Mt. Teman AME liquidate its mortgage as a member of the church's Mortgage Liquidation Committee. All through her 74 years at Mt. Teman AME, Mother Ringer distinguished herself as a faithful and fruitful member, who was always concerned about the life and ministry of our Mt. Teman AME Church.

Celia was an avid advocate for seniors and her community. She volunteered for many years for the New Jersey Division on Aging and was the President of the Minority Task Force for Union County. She was a lifetime member of the NAACP and a volunteer with Jewish Family Services.

She has received many commendations and recognition for her service including being honored by the National Council of Negro Women – Outstanding Community Service Award; the Civic Leader Award from the Union County Minority Task Force on Aging and the Union County Board of Freeholders for Outstanding Service to the Minority Task Force.

*Her motto is to treat everybody right, respect others and demand respect for yourself.*

She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband Ernest J. Ringer; Granddaughters Celia Reid, Gabrielle Reid, Taylor Reid and Brittany Reid; daughter-in-love Brenda Williams, her beloved niece Mona Terrell Wallace (Nathaniel); nephew Delius Wilson and a host of family and friends.

Ernest was the love of Celia's life, caregiver, support system, and her forever friend. Her prayer has always been to keep her husband Ernest prayed up to soldier on when God called her home.