

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a red, patterned top. She is surrounded by several red roses. The background is white with a subtle floral pattern.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# ELIZABETH SMALL

FIRST BREATH: OCTOBER 11, 1941

LAST SMILE: MAY 30, 2024

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 | 12:00PM

TOWNSLEY CHAPEL AME CHURCH  
252 EAGLE STREET | SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

REV. CHARLES DUMAS, SENIOR PASTOR  
REV. JOHN D. YOUNG, OFFICIANT



# ~ Life Reflection ~

Our beloved Queen, Mrs. Elizabeth "Liz" Bowen Small, transitioned to heaven on Thursday, May 30, 2024. Born on October 11, 1941, in Savannah, Georgia, she was the cherished daughter of the late Mr. Abram Bowen and Mrs. Salathiel B. Potter. From an early age, her life was dedicated to the Lord through baptism at Townsley Chapel AME Church, where she actively participated in many youth ministries.

Elizabeth attended Saint Anthony's Catholic School and Chatham County Public Schools, graduating in 1960 from Sophronia Tompkins High School. At Tompkins, she was an avid runner on the track team and a majorette for the Mighty Marching Wolverines. She maintained strong ties with the Sophronia Tompkins Class of 1960 Alumni. Elizabeth was also a long-time member of the International Order of Eastern Stars – Adah Chapter 23, and the founder and president of The Chantells, a ladies' social club, for 15 years.

In July 1965, Elizabeth married David Small, beginning her journey as a military wife, which allowed her to see the world. After many years of traveling, she and her family returned to Savannah, Georgia, where she rejoined her home church, Townsley Chapel AME Church. She served faithfully as President of the Stewardess Board and President of the Auxiliary Board, contributing wherever needed. Her greatest joy was participating in Family Night Activities. Elizabeth also loved going on cruises, which brought her immense joy and cherished memories.

Elizabeth's unwavering loyalty to her church, her faithfulness to her family, and her kindness to her friends are living memorials of her beautiful life. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Abraham Bowen, Nathaniel Redfield, and Anthony Bowen, and her grandson, Kaleb Davis. As a genuine queen, she will forever be loved and missed. She nurtured her family, adored her grandchildren, and welcomed friends with delicious meals and warm fellowship in her home.

Queen Liz leaves a legacy of love and memories to be cherished by her husband, Mr. David Small, daughters, Phalacia Regina Harley, India Y. Small, Nichole T. Martin (Dewayne), Brenda Y. Price and Penny Mallory (Connie) of Albany, Ga. ; sons, Frederick Harley, James Anthony Small (Carolyn) of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Michael Dean Hubbard II of California; sisters, Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis, Jessie R. Deloach (Billy), Doreen James (Ralph) and a Sister/Cousin, Rose White; brothers, Robert Bowen (Nancy) of Columbia, South Carolina, Frank Bowen (Terri) of Herndon, Virginia and Bernard Bowen; uncle, Charles Dobson of New Jersey; sixteen grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; Sisters and Brother-in-laws, Richardean Grant, Phyllis (Eugene) Artis, Joe (Shirley) Bonaparte, Anthony (Catherine) Cooper, Donna (Reggie) Curry, Calvin Smoak, and Gladys P. Redfield; god-son, James Collins, a close friend, Stacy Jones; special nieces, Jackie White, and JoEdna Jones; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.





# Order of Service

**Rev. John D. Young, Presiding**  
*Associate Minister, New Bethel AME Church*

- The Processional..... *“Bye and Bye When The Morning Comes”*
- The Final Glimpse & Video Tribute ..... *“I Shall Wear A Crown”*
- The Opening Selection..... *“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”*
- The Prayer of Comfort.....**Rev. Lester Foster**  
*Pastor, St. Mary’s AME Church, Savannah*
- The Musical Tribute ..... **Bro. Kevin Cook**
- The Old Testament Reading ..... **Bro. Robert Whitfield**  
*Townsley Chapel AMEC Church, Savannah*
- The New Testament Reading.....**Rev. John D. Young**
- The Musical Tribute ..... **Bro. Elliott Simmons**
- As a Church Member.....**Bro. Terry Lanier, Sr.**
- The Musical Tribute ..... **Bro. Anthony Williams**
- As a Classmate ..... **Bro. James Phoenix, President**  
**Bro. Lemuel Campbell**  
*Sophonra Tompkins Class of 1960 Alumni*
- As a Mother..... **Sis. Phalacia Regina Harley**
- The Musical Tribute ..... **Bro. Joe Cooper**
- The Acknowledgments & Resolutions.....**Sis. Monisha Gaines**
- The Musical Tribute.....**Sis. Keiona Jenkins**
- The Eulogy .....**Rev. Charles W. Dumas, Jr.**  
*Senior Pastor, Townsley Chapel AME Church, Savannah*
- The Recessional ..... *“Let The Church Say Amen”*
- The Resting Place.....**Cherokee Hill Cemetery**  
*Garden City, GA*



*Please join the family immediately following the committal for a time of fellowship  
Bradshaw - Martin Fellowship Hall - Townsley Chapel AME Church*

## *Active Pall Bearers*

The Southeastern Quarterback Club

## *Honorary Pall Bearers*

Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

## *Floral Bearers*

Women's Missionary Society & Stewardess

## *Footprints in the Sand*

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.*

*This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?" The Lord replied, The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."*

## *Acknowledgement*

*We, the family of the late Elizabeth Bowen Small extend our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to each of you for all your many acts of kindness, comforting words, and thoughtful prayers during our time of bereavement. Your presence here today is a source of great comfort and strength to us and will be remembered and cherished. Every visit, call, card, floral arrangement, and donation are a great blessing to us. May God continue to bless you abundantly and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.*

*~The Family~*

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