

Acknowledgments

The family of Eliza M. Swain wishes to extend our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness during this difficult time. Your comforting words, prayers, and gestures of sympathy have been a source of strength for us. We are especially grateful to Marlan Gary Funeral Home Chapel of Peace for their compassionate care and professional arrangements.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Swain & Cunningham Family

Pallbearers

Kalup Arnold
Kalus Arnold
Jason Arnold
Charles A. Fullen III (CJ)
Christopher Cunningham

Honorary Pallbearers

Darren Agurs, Sr.
Aaron Cunningham
Charles Fullen, Jr.
Dr. Kevin Jenkins

Arrangements entrusted to:
Marlan Gary Funeral Home Chapel of Peace
2500 Cleveland Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Interment Rose Hill Burial Park
4781 S. Charleston Road
Springfield, OH 45502



Celebration of Life



Eliza M. Swain

May 12, 1926 - September 12, 2024

Monday, September 23, 2024

El Bethel Temple

2049 Clifton Ave., Springfield, Ohio

Viewing -10:00 a.m.

Celebration of Life - 11:00 a.m.

*Elder Charles Miller - Officiant
Bishop Raymond E. Lloyd, Jr - Eulogy*

Obituary



Our beloved Eliza M. “Big Momma” Swain transitioned peacefully to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 12, 2024, with her loving family in the home of her eldest daughter and son-in-law.

Born on May 12, 1926, in Talladega, Alabama. Eliza was the cherished daughter of the late Wallace and Arthula Cunningham.

Eliza’s love for baking sweet potato pies was a cherished family tradition, which she passed on to her son Marvin “Pie Man” Jr. He honored her legacy by founding My Mama’s Sweet Potato Pie Company in 1984, taking her beloved recipe to new heights.

Eliza cherished family gatherings on Indiana Street, where she delighted in playing dominoes and showcasing her hidden talent for winning. She also enjoyed working in her garden where she grew huge strawberries and watermelons.

A faithful member of El Bethel Temple since 1957, Eliza served diligently on the Usher Board and exemplified a true Proverbs 31 woman of God, loving the Lord with all her heart and soul. She recited her favorite bible verse Psalms 23 with her daughter, Shiba every time they spoke.
She was truly a bible scholar.

Eliza was preceded in death by her parents, fourteen siblings, her sons Willie Joe and Marvin “Pie Man” Swain Jr., her daughter Annie Pearl (Swain) Jackson, and her beloved husband, Marvin Swain Sr., whom she married on July 8, 1953. Marvin passed away on March 21, 2014.

Eliza’s enduring legacy is carried forward by her brother, John (Rosalind) Cunningham Sr.; her children, Peggy (Chester) Jenkins, Shiba Swain, Jesse Swain, and Larry (Lislie) Swain Sr.; her 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren, host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She also held a special place in her heart for her nephew Aaron Cunningham and nieces Rita (Swain) Jackson and Donna (Swain) Benners who always paid her a visit.

Eliza the devoted homemaker, daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend will be deeply missed by many.

Rest in Heavenly Paradise, Eliza Swain. Until we meet again.



Order of Service



Elder Charles Miller-Officiant / Bishop Raymond E. Lloyd, Jr.-Eulogy

Prayer / Words of Comfort:.....Elder Charles Miller

Eliza’s Favorite Scripture Psalm 23:.....Shiba Swain

Music Selection: Goin’ Up Yonder.....Donna (Swain) Benners

Obituary Reading:.....Marcia Swain

Poem: “The Broken Chain”Stephanie Fullen

Acknowledgments:.....Min. Sandra Davis

Reflections.....Friends / Family (2 mins. please)

Eulogy:.....Bishop Raymond E. Lloyd, Jr.

