

Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away-
 her journey's just begun,
 life holds so many facets-
 this earth is only one. . .
 Just think of her as resting
 from the sorrows and the tears
 in a place of warmth and comfort
 where there are no days and years.
 Think how she must be wishing
 that we could know today
 how nothing but our sadness
 can really pass away.
 And think of her as living
 in the hearts of those she touched. . .
 for nothing loved is ever lost-
 and she was loved so much.



Order of Service

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - 11:00am
 Pipkin Braswell Chapel of Peace
 6601 E. Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220
 Reverend Rodney G. Perry, Officiating and Eulogist
 Central Baptist Church Denver, Colorado

- Processional** Nathaniel Black and Tara Washington Everette
 "Going Up Yonder"
- A Glimpse Till Glory** Funeral Directors
Selection Musicians
 "Soonah Will Be Done"
- Comfort from the Scripture** Minister
 Old Testament / New Testament
- Prayer of Solace** Minister
Selection Musicians
 "There's A Leak In This Old Building"
- Acknowledgements and Condolence** Pipkin Braswell Director
Obituary and A Tribute To My Big Sister Janice M. Cornell
Honoring Miss Ethel (Two Minute Remarks)
Selection Musicians
 "Precious Lord"
- Eulogy** Reverend Rodney G. Perry
- Recessional** Kirk Franklin Recording
 "Stand"

Active Pallbearers

Robert Perkowski William Howell Perkowski Larry Burns
 Fellow Members of Central Baptist Church

Final Resting Place and Committal Service

Mount Olivet Cemetery
 Wheatridge, Colorado

Acknowledgement

During a time like this, we learn how much
 our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy
 will always be treasured. May God richly Bless each of you.
 The family of Ethel Allen

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Celebrating the Life of



PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Ethel Allen

As beautiful as a rose to see, was her life she lived so gracefully. She made things precious by her touch; her selfless love lives on in each of us. The petals of her life fell one by one; each a gift of her heart till there were none. Yet her radiance blooms once again in fields of glory with no end.



Ethel Allen affectionately called "Miss Ethel" by family, friends, and patrons was born on July 22, 1932, in Berclair, Mississippi to her parents, Roger Robertson and Anna Allen. She was the first born in the family. While spending her early years in Mississippi, she learned how to pick cotton alongside her grandmother, Rosella, who was known to all as "Nana". After a move to the Chicago area, she was raised surrounded by the love of her sister, Janice. During her teen and early adult years she worked in restaurants with her mother, known as "Miss Ann". This work started the restaurant owner entrepreneurship of the "Miss Ethel" we all knew and loved.

Ethel received her early education by graduating from George Washington Carver High School and furthered her education by attending Peter's Business College both also located in

Chicago, Illinois. Ethel was gifted with a beautiful voice and loved singing in the church choir and performing with a vocal group around the Chicago area. She was also honored to have sung at one time with the legendary, Mahalia Jackson.

On November 10, 1956, Ethel wed Chauncey J. Allen, Sr. They first met in Denver, Colorado. They exchanged vows at the Park Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, New Mexico. They loved and cherished each other and shared many happy and precious moments together.

To this union, a son, Chauncey Jr. was born. In later years, she united with, Julius Allen and a son, Casey was born. Miss Ethel was later blessed with 2 grandchildren, Kellen and Nickea, and a great granddaughter, Breanna. They all were an additional source of joy and pride in her life.

By profession, Miss Ethel worked as a Banquet Server for the former Cosmopolitan and Shirley Savoy hotels in the old downtown Denver. She also worked for the Denver Athletic Club and in the home of Bill Daniels a local cable tv executive. In 1971, having aspirations to open her own restaurant, she opened Ethel's House of Soul in the 5 Points area of Denver. She was a caring and loving Boss, who took great care of her employees, as well as fed the community for a number of years. She prepared homecooked meals featuring, black-eyed peas, turnip & mustard greens, smothered pork chops, neck-bones, candied yams, pig feet & ears, red beans & rice, and cornbread. The Sunday church goers knew, her restaurant was the place to go after Sunday service and the downtown business crowd knew where to go during the week. Miss Ethel didn't mind lending a helping hand to others. She sponsored an Annual Holiday Meal on Christmas Day for over 30 years. The outreach to the community was unselfish and heartfelt by many she touched. She often enlisted the help of many of her family members to aid and assist in serving; even making their own Christmas delayed in an effort to help her feed those who were less fortunate. Because of her community outreach, Miss Ethel was named as one of Mayor Webb's Unsung Heroes and received many other accolades for her great works. She was also able to lead as Grand Marshal of the Denver Juneteenth Parade, as well as the Black Arts Festival Parade. She retired in 2008, noting in a Rocky Mountain News article, "There comes a time in your life when you have to make a change, and this is my time." She was also honored by The Denver City Council with a Council Resolution.

A woman of faith and belief in the Lord, Ethel was a member of Central Baptist Church.



She believed in the power of prayer and that everyone needed to have the right relationship with the Lord. She had been a member for many years.

Miss Ethel was a fun-loving woman, who enjoyed life and those she encircled. In her free time, she loved a good family road trip, enjoyed the occasional visits to Black Hawk, and spending quality time with family and friends. Her closest friends were Nita Miller and Ola Chapman, who shared many conversations over the years as only trusted friends can share. She will be missed by all who have known this kind and wonderful woman. To know Ethel Allen was to love her.

She is preceded in death by a son, Casey Allen; and her husband, Chauncey Allen, Sr. She would also want us to remember her mother, Anna Johnson and Grandmother, Rosella Braxton, who also preceded her in death.

There is something about losing a mother that is permanent and inexpressible, a wound that will never quite heal – words by Susan Wiggs

Ethel Allen departed this life to the embrace of the Lord on July 29, 2020, in Denver, Colorado. Those left to cherish her memory and mourn her loss include her son, Chauncey J. Allen, Jr.; her sister, Janice M. (Bob) Cornell; 2 grandchildren, Kellen Allen, and Nickea M. Reagor; her great granddaughter, Breanna D. Reagor; 2 nieces, Veshelle T. Howell and Katrisha L. Howell (Robert Perkowski); great-nephew, William C. Howell-Perkowski; her devoted friend, Ola Chapman; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

