

*A Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory*



*Mrs. Mary Elmore*

*Sunrise*

Saturday April 2, 1932

*Sunset*

Tuesday February 27, 2024

*Giving Thanks for 91 years, 10 months and 25 Days*

Service: Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM  
Eutawville Community Funeral Home Chapel  
440 Porcher Avenue  
Eutawville, South Carolina





# Order of Service



- Processional**..... Family and Pulpit
- Hymn of Praise**.....Congregation
- Prayer of Comfort/Officiant**.....Rev. Dr. Abraham Murray (nephew)  
Pastor, Brick Church - St Helena Island South Carolina
- Scripture Reading**.....Evangelist Cassie Davis-Tyler
- Obituary/Legacy of Life**
- Reflections (Janice Rembert, Detroit Michigan)**....Caedince Green (great grand niece)
- Reflections (3 Minutes Each)**.....Friends and Family
- Musical Selection**.....Congregation
- Eulogy** .....Reverend Franklin Murray (nephew)  
Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church Ministries of Roxbury, Massachusetts
- Benediction and Committal**
- Recessional in Praise** .....”Two Wings”
- Pall Bearers**.....Family and Friends
- Internment** .....Heyden Hill Cemetery Eutawville, SC
- Repast**.....Immediately Following Internment.....Country Corner Café  
8637 Old State Road Holly Hill, SC



*Precious Memories*



# Obituary



On Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Eutawville, South Carolina, Freddie and Nellie (Green) Murray welcomed their eighth child, a baby girl they named Mary. The youngest of the children, Mary was raised and nurtured in a loving home with her seven siblings, Isaac, Clarence, Freddie Jr., Nellie, Asalee, Lizzie and Joseph. However, Mary's life became challenging when her sweet mother passed away before her teenage years. Her older siblings gradually left to pursue their adult life leaving her to assist with taking care of the home while matriculating through the Orangeburg County school system.

Her father was called by the almighty to become a pastor. He, Reverend Freddie Murray, became an Assistant Pastor at Saint James Baptist Church in Eutawville where Mary was baptized and served as an active member. Ultimately, given extremely limited employment opportunities, most of her friends and neighbors had left the South. In 1954, Mary decided to relocate to New York to accept a job as a live-in nanny that her friend had secured for her. This was perfect for her, because she did not have to worry about accommodations as a young woman while acclimating to her new city life.

On September 18, 1958, Mary and Melvin Elmore were joined together in holy matrimony. They enjoyed forty-seven years of marriage until his passing on September 16, 2005. They enjoyed traveling together and successfully established a productive and stable household. Mary explored other employment opportunities and retired from home health care in 2005 after working since she was a "child", for more than sixty years.

Mary never lost her faith. She joined Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains shortly after she moved to Westchester County in 1954, under the Pastorship of the late Reverend Young. She was a member of the Daughters of Calvary for several years where she served as secretary for a few years. Mary completed a few certificated Bible Study courses under the tutelage of the late Pastor Eloise Young. She continued to be an active member of Calvary Baptist Church for more than sixty-four years until her health declined.

Indeed, we give thanks for Mary's longevity at ninety-one years, ten months and twenty-five days. She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States as well as experiencing the cultures of the Carribean nations and numerous countries. She was most proud of her pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land for which she received an official Attestation Pilgrimage Certificate. Mary's hobbies also included collecting statues of elephants, last count was easily two hundred elephants that she showcased throughout her home. Similarly, her collection included all types of crystal and coins. Known for her German Chocolate cake in her circle of friends, she enjoyed gifting her friends with her labor of culinary love. Mary loved her family and was very proud of their accomplishments. She was known for her strong "bear hugs" to show her affection.

Mary's pride and joy was her daughter, MaryE who she called Betty Ann. She knew the value of an education, so she worked and diligently saved to ensure her daughter's education and supported all of her endeavors beyond measure.

Mary entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:40 AM at Dumont Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care in New Rochelle, New York, just one month and three days shy of her ninety second birthday. Special Thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor staff at Dumont for the extra special care they provided to ensure her comfort. In addition to her parents, spouse and siblings, Mary was predeceased by her cherished nephews, Daniel Greene and Isaac Murray, her doting niece Martha Bailey and her beloved and "only first cousin" Janie Brown as well as other cherished relatives.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory and legacy, her devoted and loving daughter, MaryElizabeth ("Betty Ann") Murray. She is also survived by her loving nieces Hannah Jenkins of Brooklyn NY and Alice Mae Davis of New York City, Josephine Robinson, Annie Brantley, Margaret Wood, Carolyn Murray, Dorothy Murray, Rebecca Brown, nephews Rev. Franklin (Essie) Murray of Massachusetts, Rev. Abraham Murray (Vernell) of South Carolina, sisters-in-law, Leila Green of Georgia, Ruby Elmore of White Plains, NY, dearest cousin Lizzie Mae Smith of Mount Vernon, NY and a host of treasured grand nieces, grand nephews, extended family, relatives and friends. Gone from our sight but never from our hearts. We love you and will forever cherish the time we had with you. Rest well. To God Be the Glory.





## *Words of Gratitude From the Family*

MaryE Murray ("Betty"), daughter, and the Family of the late Mrs. Mary Elmore would like to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for the many acts of kindness, love, prayers and encouragement bestowed upon us during our bereavement. Grace Peace Prayers.

## *Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:*



Eutawville Community Funeral Home  
440 Porcher Avenue  
Eutawville, SC

Lee's Funeral Home  
160 Fisher Avenue  
White Plains, NY