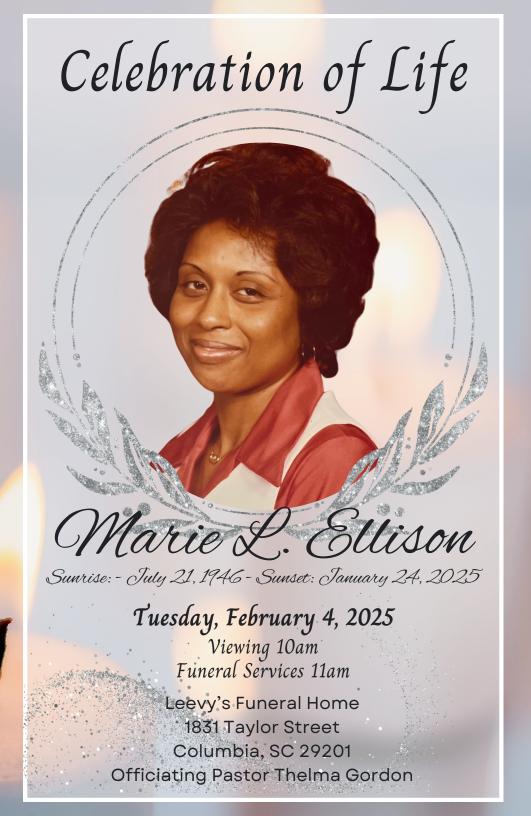
Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road And the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom filled room Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not for long And not with your head bowed low Remember the love that once we shared Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey we all must take And each must go alone. It's all part of the master plan A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart Go to the friends we know. Laugh at all the things we used to do Miss me, but let me go. ~Christina Rossetti~

Thank You

We, the family of Ms. Marie Lavon Mitchell Ellison, would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown during the passing of our loved one. A special thank you to the Potomac Valley Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Rockville Maryland.



Marie Lavon Mitchell Ellison

Marie Lavon Mitchell Ellison was born in Columbia, South Carolina on July 21, 1946. She was the second of seven children born to Lawrence Mitchell and Victoria Baxley Mitchell. She entered her eternal rest on Friday, January 24, 2025.

She was educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina in Richland County. Marie graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1964. During high school, Marie was involved in various activities. She was a member of the track and field team, treasurer for Future Homemakers and was a cheerleader and majorette. She always encouraged her children to participate in extracurricular activities. She briefly attended Benedict College in South Carolina and later attended Montgomery College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Marie was united in holy matrimony in April 1967 to Alvin Leon Ellison Sr. in Columbia, South Carolina for 21 years. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Washington DC area. This union was blessed with three children. Two daughters, Michelle Denise Ellison (deceased) Wanda Ellison-Osborne and a son Alvin L. Ellison, Jr. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved and cared for her family.

She was briefly employed as a waitress at Hot Shoppes Cafeteria before becoming a sales representative at Woodward and Lothrop for several years. After completing courses at Montgomery College, she started a new career as an administrative assistant at Bell Atlantic Communications. She later went on to become an administrative assistant with Coventry Healthcare until her retirement in 2010.















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Marie was an excellent cook and loved to bake. She earned a reputation for her chocolate chip cookies. She also enjoyed collecting dolls and figurines and, shared this interest with her two granddaughters, by introducing them to the American Girls doll collection. She took pleasure in spoiling her grandchildren and spending time with her friends until her health began to fail.

Marie was preceded in death by her daughter Michelle; her parents Lawrence and Victoria Mitchell; her brothers Lawrence Mitchell, Jr., and Bernard Mitchell. She leaves behind to cherish her memory: her daughter Wanda (Curtis) of Frederick, Maryland, and son Alvin (Shukura) of Columbia, South Carolina; three grandchildren: Victoria Marie Osborne (Ryan) of Westminster, Colorado, Vincent Alexander Osborne and Jasmine Nicole Osborne, both of Frederick, Maryland; three sisters: Lilly Doctor, Miriam Mitchell and Lenna Mitchell all of Columbia, South Carolina and a brother, Ernest Mitchell of Blythewood, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Order of Service Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Words of Assurance Rev. Dr. Angela Williams

> Hymn of Praise Amazing Grace

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 27

New Testament Scripture John 14:1-7

Prayer of Consolation Rev. Dr. Reid R. White, Jr.

> Musical Selection Blessed Assurance

Words of Comfort Family & Friends (2 mins each)

Cards & Acknowledgements Marcia Whitby Ellison

> Obituary Read Silently

Musical Selection His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Eulogy Pastor Thelma Gordon Jones Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church

Invitation to Discipleship & Benediction
Pastor Thelma Gordon

Closing Selection Going up Yonder

Recessional Clergy & Family



Pall Bearers

Alvin L. Ellison, Jr. Vincent Osborne Antonio Ellison Brandon Ellison

Hower Girls

Sharon Doctor-Rogers Ramona Doctor Sheri Ellison April Ellison McNeal

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