



## Elouise Henry Pompey

November 26, 1920 - April 10, 2018

Elouise Henry Pompey was born in Lee County, South Carolina to Isaac Henry and Moriah Samuel Henry where she joined New Zion A.M.E. Church. She married Johnnie Pompey, Jr., and to this union two children were born, Carolyn and Bobby. The family moved to Wilmington, N.C. where her husband worked in the shipyard and as a businessman, and where Elouise built a 49 year career in the Block Shirt Factory. She was a founding member of her chapter of the Eastern Star and a member of the NAACP.

Elouise became an active member, serving in many capacities at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Wilmington where she wore many hats-literally and figuratively. She was known for matching her hats and her outfits, and she always came to God's house in her finest. Whatever the task, she always gave it her best. Elouise did not wait for assignments in the church. Always striving to do God's will, she stepped up and made herself available to those in need until her health began to decline.

She later lived with her granddaughter in Raleigh, NC., attending St. John A.M.E. Church, and then in Merrillville, IN with her son and his wife, attending Marquette Park United Methodist Church. Elouise loved people, and during her time in Indiana she made dear friends everywhere: Merrillville Senior Citizen's Center, Adult Day Care and Rehab at Spring Mill, Sebo Nursing Home, Williams Elementary School, and Marquette United Methodist Church. She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Carolyn Pompey Nelson (Wilmington, NC), one son, Bobby Lee Pompey and his wife, Barbara Kessler

Pompey (Merrillville, IN), one step-daughter, Corine Carter (Columbia, SC), one granddaughter, Angela Denise Nelson (Raleigh, NC) and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Memorial Service for Elouise will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Marquette Park United Methodist Church, located at 215 N. Grand Boulevard, Gary, Indiana. Arrangements were made through Burns Funeral Home in Hobart, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).