

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Fraunsa Martell Eley*

*Sunrise  
August 23, 1954*

*Sunset  
August 21, 2021*



*Friday, September 10, 2021*

**Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.  
Service: 11:00 a.m.**

*From the Heart Church Ministries®  
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

*Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor*

# Obituary



Fraunsa Martell Eley was born on August 23, 1954, to the late Edna Smith Adams and Roscoe Harris in Bronx, New York. She departed from this earthly life on August 21, 2021.

As a youth, Martell as she was affectionately called, was educated in the Martin County Public School system and later graduated from Williamston High School in 1972. Upon receiving her high school diploma, she enrolled in Livingstone College, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education in 1976. While attending Livingstone College, she met the love of her life, Calvin Eley. The two were married on May 28, 1977 and moved to Maryland after their first year of marriage. Though Fraunsa taught Kindergarten for a year, the remainder of her professional career was spent working with the State of Maryland's Department of Motor Vehicle Administration: from which she retired in 2018 after 33 years of service.

A woman of faith, Martell professed Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at an early age, at the Williams Chapel AME Zion Church where she served as Secretary. She also traveled and served as assistant to the Presiding Elder William A. Blackwell. She later joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1988 where she was a faithful and consistent member until her passing. She served as a member of the Membership Care Ministry. She loved her church and church family.

Martell was a giver to anyone in need of her time and or resources. She loved to travel and spend time with her family. She traveled to numerous family reunions. Not only did she care for her family members and assist them in their time of need, she also made sure to visit them even when she was ill. Her love for her family was as big as her heart. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Martell leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband of 44 years, Calvin; sister, Roslyn Harris; brother, Adam Harris (Arklisha); seven brothers-in-law, seven sisters-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; a very dear friend, Virginia Woodruff; and the Livingstone College Class of 1976.

Martell was preceded in death by her adopted parents, Charles D. and Eurie A. Wooten; and stepfather, Otis Adams.

# **Order of Service**

***Invocation***

***Scripture Reading***

*Old Testament: Psalm 23*  
*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

***Prayer of Comfort***

***Selection*** ..... *FTH Psalmist*

***Acknowledgements***

*Mrs. Thennie Speight*  
*Mrs. Sylvia Taylor*  
*Mrs. Pearl Smith*

***Poem*** ..... *Ms. Virginia Woodruff*

***Obituary (Read Silently)***

***Song of Preparation*** ..... *FTH Psalmist*

***Message of Hope*** ..... *Minister James Johnson, II*

***Call to Christ***

***Benediction***

***Recessional***



## *"Farewell My Love"*

*To my dearly beloved wife, it has come to this time in our lives that I find it extremely hard to say, "farewell my love."*

*It has been my pleasure to serve as your loving husband for the past forty-four years.*

*I say thank you for speaking to me the very first time we met on campus at Livingstone College. Thank you for your beautiful outgoing, loving spirit. Thank you for being my best friend. Thank you for saying "Yes" when I asked you to be my wife.*

*Thank you for being right there with me when I needed some reassurance.*

*My love, there is so much more that I could thank you for but, I now must thank God for the time we had together. When things got tough in your life, I would say to you "I got you". "God got you now". He has had us both all a long.*

*Farewell My Love!!!*

## *"Change of Address"*

*Based on a Poem by: Charlotte Gates*

*To my Family and Friends,*

*Please be advised that I have moved. I received a call the other day with exciting news. My new home was completed and it was time to move in. I put in my change of address card and off I went. What a magnificent sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate behind a beautiful pearly gate. Of course, the streets are paved with gold, and every day is Sunday — just like you have been told. I've found peace, joy, happiness, and sweet serenity. I'm free from pain, suffering and heartache. I even have a personal designer who has fitted me for my very own white robe and wings. I could go on and on about my new home, but instead I'm praying that you get to move here yourself one day. Come now to Jesus and fully repent — believe in the wonder of why He was sent.*

*Before I go, let me give you my new address:*

*777, Mercy & Grace Lane, Gods Town,  
Heaven 3333*

*Martell — My sister from another Mother  
Love Bug*





## *For my Friend Martell*

*Although unheard, I thank you for always being there. Even when you were bed-ridden, you always seemed to care. You meant so much to all of us; you were special and that's no lie. You brightened up the darkest day and even the greyest sky. Many tears I have seen and cried. They have all poured out like rain. I know that you are happy now cause you're no longer in pain. Four years on, I remember you and what you used to say. You made each of us smile and live to the fullest each day. They say in time it gets easier. I believe this isn't true because even after all this time, I still don't have a clue. I was not ready to say goodbye. Your disease just over took. So on this day we remember you. I take a second look. Our friendship is forever. Until death, did we part. Although you're away physically, You're always in my heart.*

*Life is like a notebook. Two pages are already written by God.*

*First page is Birth. Last page is Death.*

*Center pages are empty. So fill them with*

***SMILES & LOVE.***

*-Daily Inspirational Quotes*

*I Once said, Martell, you remind me of Mom.*

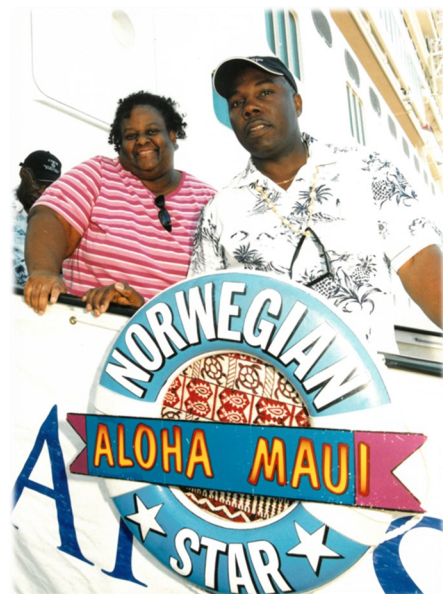
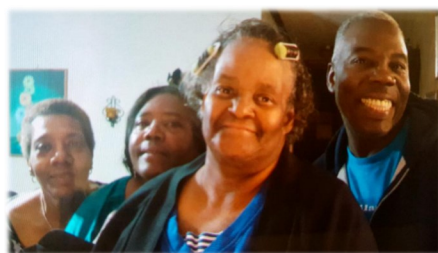
*She cried and said that's the best compliment!*

*Love, Thennie*













## *Pallbearers*

*Cyril Byron, Jr.  
Ray Leslie  
Darrel Nelson  
Halley Wilson*

## *Flower Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Fraunsa Martell Eley acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expressions of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you. We love you all.*

***Services Entrusted to:***  
*Ft. Lincoln Funeral Home and Cemetery  
3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, Maryland 20722*