



A Celebration of Life for

*Esther Malone-Bey*

*Sunrise*

October 16, 1954

*Sunset*

October 30, 2024



*Monday, November 18, 2024*

**10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE**

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES  
5055 ALLENTOWN ROAD | SUITLAND, MARYLAND 20746  
BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR



# Obituary



On October 16, 1954, Esther Magdalene Malone-Bey was born in Yonkers, New York, to the late Marion Johnson and Bernice Smith. On the evening of October 30, 2024, Esther passed away peacefully at home in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Esther was the baby of her family, being the youngest sibling to five brothers and four sisters. She graduated from Yonkers High School in 1972 where she played the fife and had an interest in model trains, soccer, and African dance. Esther went on to earn her associate degree at Sullivan Community College where she advanced her artistic skills in photography and graduated with a sociology degree.

Esther joined From the Heart Church Ministries on October 16, 2011. She was actively involved in the life of the church prior to her relocating. She was a faithful member of the Physical Stewardship Ministry.

Being a great person of service, Esther dedicated her life to helping others. She was a pharmacist shortly after high school. In the late 80s, she went on to become a manager at Roberson and Roberson, her family-owned group home for the mentally challenged. Later, she became a secretary for New Endeavors shelter for women. Finally, she worked in Early Childhood Development at the Navy District Washington Child and Youth Programs. There, Esther channeled her skills to assist children between the ages of six weeks and five years old in becoming intelligent, school-ready individuals. Even after retirement of over 25 years, she is still praised for her excellent and generous work and contacted by many of her old students who are now adults. Esther also started her own greeting card company called Esther's Customize Greetings, showing off her artistic skills and eye for graphic design.

As an avid New York Giants fan, she was most famous for her delicious peach cobbler. However, her favorite team to cheer for was her family and friends. Often giving more to others than she gave to herself, Esther was always seen in support of graduations, instrument and dance recitals, school competitions, raffles, fundraisers, sporting events, and relationships. She showed up for those she cared for, stylish, poised, graceful, and full of pride.

Esther leaves to adore her memory a devoted daughter Alexis Bostic of Concord, North Carolina; her loving sons, Alexander Bostic of Martinsburg, West Virginia and Nicholas Bostic of Baltimore, Maryland; sister, Barbara-Ann Powell of Tarrytown, Georgia; brothers, Kirkland Smith of Greenburgh, New York and Visol Smith of Vidalia, Georgia; grandchildren: Raheem Anthon, Malik Anthon, Shomari Anthon, Summer Anthon, Sydney Bostic, Caden Bostic and Cassidy Bostic; great-grandchild, Zayd Anthon; a daughter-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Esther is preceded in death by her sister, Ossie Terry and brother, Johnnie Roberson.





# Order of Service



*Invocation*

*Congregational Hymn* ..... "I'll Fly Away"

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament: Deuteronomy 31:8*  
*New Testament: Matthew 5:4*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection*..... "I Can Only Imagine"  
*Mr. Robert Stocks*

*Remarks*

*Ms. Paula Kearney, Cousin*  
*Ms. Gloria Lee, Best Friend*  
*Ms. Alexis Bostic, Daughter*  
*Mr. Alexander Bostic and Mr. Nicholas Bostic, Sons*

*Poem*.....*Mr. Nicholas Bostic*

*Obituary (Read Aloud)*.....*Ms. Alexis Bostic*

*Song of Preparation* ..... "He's Able"  
*Mr. Robert Stocks*

*Message of Hope* .....*Minister Bonnie Rampersaud*

*Call to Christ*

*Committal*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

*Services Entrusted to:*

*Francis J. Collins Funeral Home*  
*500 University Boulevard | Silver Spring Maryland 20901*



# Family Sentiments



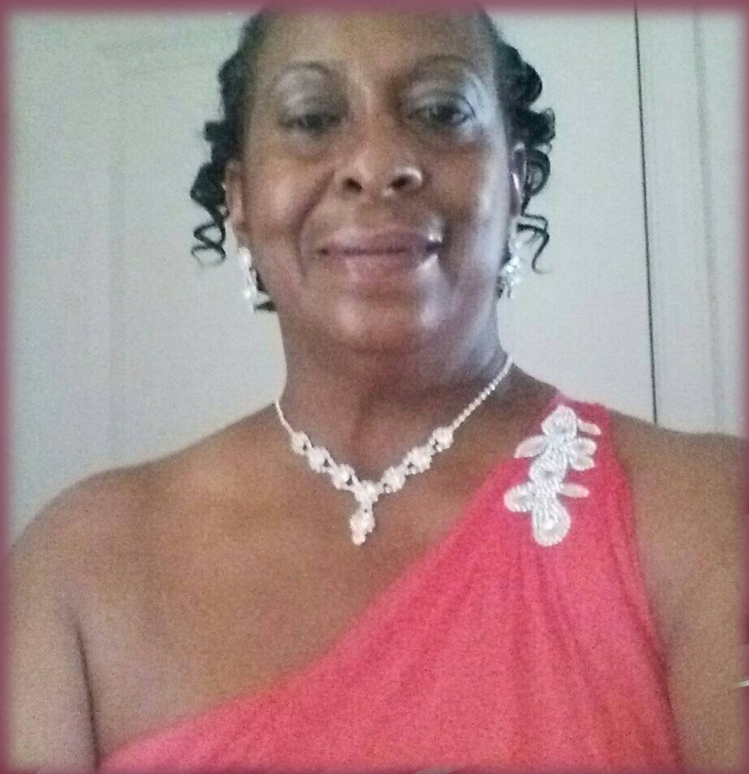
*There will never be another being to walk this earth such as yourself. Although I am saddened by your physical absence, I am grateful that you will always be around me in spirit. There is much comfort that you are now able to rest and be surrounded by angels in heaven.*

*-Love, Alexis*

*Mom, I appreciate all your sacrifices. They did not go unnoticed. Your lineage is a shining example of your commitment to family. I love you with all my heart, and I'm happy that you are resting peacefully. Till we meet again.*

*-Love Al.B.*

*Ma, with all my heart I'd like to tell you I thank you again. All my life you gave ALL OF YOU. Thank God for you. We Love You.*







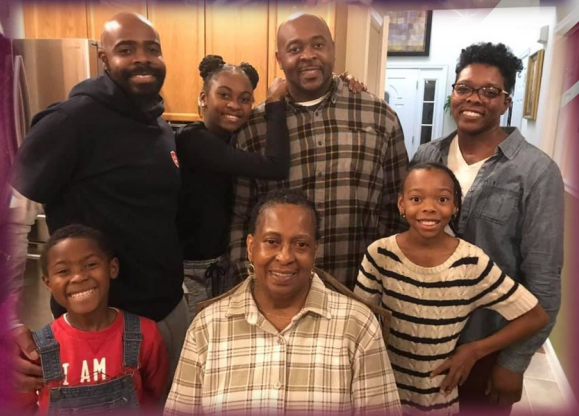
# Family Sentiments

## “Our Hands”

Author Unknown

*When I look at my hands not yet gnarled by time,  
I think of my mother's hands shaping  
Curls, crafting confidence in her kitchen beauty shop,  
My grandmother's pale hands not white enough  
For the south or black enough for herself,  
The hands of women birthing other women  
In the dust and dark of shoddy back houses,  
Hands mending hopes with worn out thread, hands, rough  
Like stoney roads, grasping newly sculpted hands,*

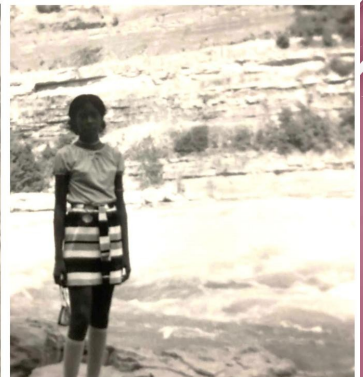
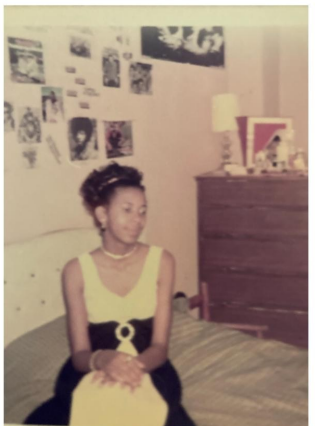
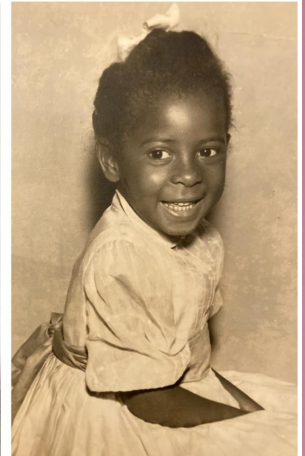
*Hands that refuse to be broken by the weight of work  
And waste, women's hands that ache from restraint  
But are strong enough to carry us all,  
Hands holding her up, hands holding me up, hands holding us up.*















## *Congregational Hymn*



### *I'll Fly Away*

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

#### *Chorus*

*I'll fly away, O, Glory,  
I'll fly away.  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away,  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

#### *Chorus*

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end I'll fly away

#### *Chorus*

## *Acknowledgment*

*The family of Esther Malone-Bey extend our heartfelt gratitude for the love, support, and kindness you have shown during this time of loss. Your comforting words, prayers, and presence have been a source of strength and peace for us. We deeply appreciate every expression of love, whether through flowers, meals, calls, or simply sharing a cherished memory of Esther.*

*Special thanks to everyone who was able to celebrate Esther's 70th birthday just a few weeks ago. Additional thanks to Sister Gloria Lee for your unwavering support and longtime friendship. Everyone we have talked to has reminded us of the incredible impact Esther had on so many lives, and we are grateful to be surrounded by friends and family who loved her as we do.*

*May your kindness return to you in abundance. Thank you for being with us in both our sorrow and celebration of a life well-lived.*

*With Love and Appreciation,  
The Family of Esther*

### *Flower Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

### *Cremation Services Entrusted to:*

*Carewell Cremations  
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