



Evelyn D Bethea

March 8, 1934 - May 30, 2025

MOTHER EVELYN DUDLEY BETHEA

Mother Evelyn Dudley Bethea peacefully transitioned into eternal life on Friday, May 30, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Evelyn Bethea was born on March 8, 1934, in Dillon, South Carolina. She was one of the eleven children of her proud parents, Harry and Clara Dudley. She received her formal education in the Dillon Public School System and was a graduate of Dillon High School.

Evelyn was united in marriage to Joshua Bethea. Of this union five beautiful children, Inez, John, Ronald, Harry and Laura were born. She and her lovely family migrated to Stamford, Connecticut in 1953.

Following the completion of academic courses in the field of nursing at Wright Technical School in Stamford, Mrs. Bethea shared her nursing skills as an employee of Stamford and St. Joseph Hospitals. She also engaged in private nursing care.

A devout and committed Christian, Evelyn Bethea was a faithful member of Union Baptist Church for seventy-one years, having joined the church in September of 1953 under the pastoral leadership of Reverend I. Logan Kearse. There she was a dedicated member of the Helping Hand Ministry of

which she was a Charter Member and held several offices; and was additionally a member of the Pastor's Aid Ministry, and The South Carolina Club. She also graciously served as a melodious vocalist in The Gospel Chorus, The Young Adult Choir, The UBC Mass Choir, The Women's Choir, and The UBC Gospel Choir of which she was a founding member. As a senior church member, she enjoyed the activities of the Autumn Gold Ministry. An ardent participant on many Special Day committees, she was additionally selected to be a venerable Church Mother on January 24, 2019.

A culinary artist, who discovered her abilities and talents in food preparation and shared them with her family at thirteen years of age. Mother Evelyn was renowned for the delicious meals, her famous banana puddings and the delectable pound cakes which she generously shared with the Union Baptist Church congregation on numerous celebratory occasions.

Mother Evelyn Bethea also blessed the Stamford community with her devoted volunteerism at the St. Luke's Life Works Center and The Yerwood Community Center.

Evelyn Dudley Bethea was a dedicated and compassionate mother who diligently nurtured her children in religious ideals and maintained a profound and abiding love for her family. She savored the significant quality time which she was privileged to spend with her children, grandchildren, great - grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and other familial relatives.

A marvelous hostess, Mother Bethea derived immense pleasure from preparing festive banquets for family members and friends on Thanksgiving, Christmas and many other special occasions throughout the year. Dinner guests were consistently greeted by the appetizing food aromas which filled the atmosphere as they cheerfully entered Mother Bethea's domain. A talented seamstress and interior decorator, she was an elegant lady of

impeccable high fashion style and grace. She was a congenial and sociable individual who generously embraced others with her warm and endearing smile and exuberant and vivacious personality. Mother Evelyn Bethea significantly enhanced the lives of others through tangible acts of kindness and was, indeed, an exemplary resource of spiritual inspiration for many people.

She leaves to cherish her treasured memory: three children: Inez Bethea-Williams (West Haven, Ct.), Ronald Bethea (Stamford, Ct.), and Laura Bethea- James (Monroe) (Fayetteville, N.C.) ; her thirteen grandchildren, her great- grandchildren and great- great- grandchildren, two brothers: Robert Dudley(Rachel) and James Willie Adams (Geraldine) both of Dillon, South Carolina, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, extended family members and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two sons: John and Harry Bethea, five sisters, Amanda, Georgianna, Tommie Jane, Inez and Teressa, and three brothers: Colon, Harold and Thomas.

Mother Evelyn Dudley Bethea will be lovingly remembered as the perfect embodiment of a faithful Christian, loyal and compassionate mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great- great grandmother, family mentor, honorable servant of God and humanity and benevolent relative and friend whose love and inspiration will be infinitely perpetuated in our hearts. Visitation will be held on Thursday June 5, 2025 from 10:00AM – 11:00AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT., Officiant: Rev. Andre L. Bradley.

Service will be streamed on Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82267680186>

Interment will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, Stamford, CT.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Ave.
Stamford, CT

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *My condolences to the family of Evelyn Bethea. Praying for your strength during this difficult time. Sandra Worsley*

Sandra Worsley - June 05, 2025 at 09:38 PM

MT

“ *Condolences to the family*



Mr. & Mrs Ron Thomas - June 05, 2025 at 09:03 PM

SB

“ *To my family know that our Aunt will be greatly missed. I pray your and our strength. Love you All
Chubby, Joyce, Robbie and Family and Sherri & Family.*

Sherri McRae Bailey - June 05, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JW

“ *Kay and family, much love and prayers during this time. Always,
Pastor John*

John Walker - June 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM

SD

“ *Kay, Heartbroken and with deepest sympathies, i'm sending love during this time of immense loss. Please know I'm praying for your family!*

Sheila Nelson Dukes - June 05, 2025 at 12:55 PM

JW

“ To the Bethea’s family, “My heart goes out to you all for the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. I know how much she meant to you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.”
God bless you all!!

Jerri Wiggs - June 05, 2025 at 12:45 PM

PT

“ I was Blessed to meet Mema. She showed me so much love when I visited her at the hospital. I will miss her. My heartfelt condolences to Joshua and family.



Philomena Tabu - June 05, 2025 at 09:44 AM

MM

“ Sending peace and love to the family. You will be missed Aunt Evelyn. Love always,
Marlene.



Marlene McCormick - June 05, 2025 at 09:15 AM

GL

“ Sending love, prayers and condolences to the family. Adopted Aunt Evelyn had a way of pulling you into the family. She will be missed by all who knew her. Love you family, may her memory always be a blessing.
Glorius Leggett/ aka Jean



Glorius Leggett - June 05, 2025 at 07:28 AM

WW

“ I had the pleasure of meeting my (gurl) 50+ years ago. Evelyn was Ms. Fashionista; she was always sharp and sophisticated. Her smile was contagious. I pray for the family at this difficult time. 🙏 Rest in Peace. 😊



Willie & Henry Wheeler - June 04, 2025 at 06:50 PM

GM

“ Aunt Evelyn will forever remain in my heart and memories. Your family is in my prayers at this difficult time.
With love
Grace McCormick

Grace McCormick - June 04, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JP

“ I give my condolences to the Bethea family God Bless Love Joy Poteau

Joy Poteau - June 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM

LC

“ Sending prayers and love to Kaye, Lorie, & Ronnie, Paris & Cory and the entire family. I will miss my dear friend. Miss talking to her every week. Evelyn made the best meat loafs, pound cakes, banana puddings and everything else. She would make your mouth run water talking about what she had cooked. I would always say now you`ve got to tell me how you made that. Sleep on dear friend and take your rest we all love you but God loved you best.

Lois McRae Corbett - June 04, 2025 at 02:39 AM

PM

“ *Condolences to the family, our Aunt will be truly missed. Her lovely smile and conversations we had. Don't forget those delicious meals. Special lady, peace love, and prayers as you go through these times.*

Dudley & Pearlie McRae

Pearlie McRae - June 03, 2025 at 08:21 PM

SF

“ *To Bethea Family*

Mother Evelyn will be truly missed. Our condolences goes out to you all during your time of sorrow. Grace, Mercy and Peace!



Shawn and Linda Ford - June 03, 2025 at 07:30 PM

CG

“ *To Kaye, Ronny and Laura,
My deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family. May God be the comforter to your sorrow during this painful time. Evelyn was a dear friend, whom I will forever love and forever remember. Although no longer with you, just know with every shared memory, you will always feel the presence of her love..*

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

*Cynthia Greenhill
Apopka, FL*



Cynthia Greenhill - June 03, 2025 at 06:32 PM

AV

“ I sincerely extend my condolences to the entire Bethea family.

May the sweet memories of your beloved one allow you to smile each time you think of her. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. May Mother Evelyn Bethea rest peacefully in the arms of our Heavenly Father; and your household will be in my prayers.

Mother Bethea, I will see you again, on the other shore...



Anita ("Nete") McCray, Alexandria, VA - June 03, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DW

What a wonderful woman. Ms Evelyn B will be missed. I had the pleasure of seeing/meeting Ms Bethea at Stamford hospital. Ms Lady as I would call her always had a smile on her face when I walked in her room. She's is now with God. The Gates are opened for her. Rest in peace Ms Lady. My sympathy goes out to her family. Don Williams/Stamford hospital

Don Williams - June 03, 2025 at 08:45 PM

CC

“ To The Family of Mother Evelyn Dudley Bethea, our heartfelt sympathy. We love and and miss you. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, words of wisdom and delicious pound cake and excellent banana pudding. Also your love of God and dedication to The Union Family. I always looked forward to seeing you come out to vote with your son. May you rest from your work here on earth.

C. F. Cropper - June 03, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SH

“ *To The Family of Evelyn Dudley Bethea
With deepest sympathy in the loss of your
loved one she is not far she will always be
.near in memories that you will always have in
your hearts. Willie & Sarah Herring*



sarah herring - June 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM