



Alice Davis Nelson

June 23, 2013

The soul of Alice Davis Nelson passed on quietly on Sunday, June 23, 2013 from her home in Elmer following an extended illness.. She was 97 years old.

Born in 1915, the second daughter of Robert and Anna Davis, she spent all her life in Elmer. At the age of twelve she began working after school and on weekends as a kitchen maid and chambermaid at the Madera Boarding House, near the train station in Elmer. She graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1932 and in 1933 she married Clyde "Max" Nelson. They were both members of the Elmer United Methodist Church. During the years two daughters were born to them: Janet and Jane. Some may remember Alice from her days working at the 5 & 10 and later at Carl Harz Furniture. For a brief time, Alice and Max were custodians of the Elmer Borough Hall when it was located on Broad Street.

Alice was a kind and generous parent and friend. In 1971 she and Max welcomed into their home a young man from Ghana Africa who wanted to come to America for an education. She considered him as her African "son". While in college, he would spend holidays with his American family in Elmer and work during summer vacations in the Elmer area. He still continues today to stay in touch with her frequently and affectionately refers to her as "Mom".

Besides spending time with her family and friends, she enjoyed taking bus

trips, working in her yard and home and taking long walks with her sister, Olive.

She is predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Max; three sisters, Rhoda Strockbine, Mabel Davis and Dorothy Ruhl; and two brothers: Charles Davis and Robert "Buck" Davis. She is survived by one dear sister, Olive Davis Smith.

She will be greatly missed by her daughters Janet Zabel wife of the late William Zabel of Elmer, Jane Risdon and her husband Charles of Vineland and "adopted" son Agyeman Boakye Danquah. Surviving grandchildren include Debbi Zabel of Swedesboro, Karen Zabel Harrison of Pitman, Sarah Risdon Sheets of Vineland, Susanna Risdon Brush of Fleetwood, PA., and Nathaniel Risdon of Vineland. She has eleven great grandchildren.

Services will be held this Friday, June 28, 2013 at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ 08318. The viewing will begin at 10 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Interment will take place at Chestnut Cemetery following the service. The family has suggested that donations can be sent to the Elmer Fire Department, P.O. Box 459, Elmer, NJ 08318. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Grove

Elmer, NJ 08318

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home - South Jersey Cremation Services (Elmer)
111 South Main Street
Elmer, NJ 08318
(856) 358-3737

Service

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Sorry for you loss. My prayers and thoughts to the family. Dawn Collins*

Dawn - July 11, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ *To Jane and Family
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, but what a good life she had! She was such a good person....so kind and a good friend to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sue Toulson Clarke*

Sue Toulson - July 01, 2013 at 12:13 PM

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“ *My dear beloved ?Grammy? - loving, generous, smart, fun, creative & devoted to family and friends and all the surrounding traditions (it would take a book to describe her!) - will be so much missed! It will only be counterbalanced by the happiness of knowing she is now where she longed to be: "home," with her much-missed husband and other loved ones. My humble thanks to all those who made it possible for her to live and end her life at home - special love and thanks to my mom, aunt, sister, Shirley, Elaine, Lois, etc. - your love meant the world to her and I thank you for it with all my heart.
~ Granddaughter Debbi ?*

Debbi - June 27, 2013 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Just wanted to send my condolences and you are all in my prayers. It was a joy to deliver soup to Alice when it was my turn at delivering. We knew to be patient she would get to the door eventually after she got herself in order, and we better not forget her sister because they would be on the phone to each other :) I pray God comforts you now Kathy Kaury*

kathy laury - June 25, 2013 at 10:32 AM