



In Loving Memory of

Delma Elaine Fagan Gaisey

*Sunrise:
August 22, 1952*

*Sunset:
October 5, 2023*

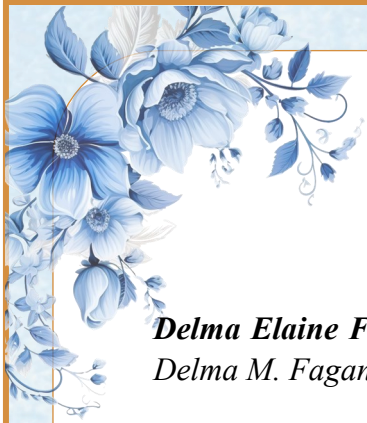


Friday, November 17, 2023

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

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Obituary

Delma Elaine Fagan Gaisey was born on August 22, 1952, to the late Horatio B. and the late Delma M. Fagan. She transitioned into God's Kingdom on October 5, 2023.

Delma, commonly known as "Elaine" was a beloved Washingtonian who attended the District of Columbia Public Schools and graduated from Margaret Washington Vocational High School. She was an extraordinary seamstress and tailor. She worked for Tash Cleaners and George's Big and Tall Shop as a tailor. Elaine was also the manager of the Women's Wellness Clinic at Providence Hospital. Her final job was with the United Conference of Catholic Bishops from which she retired in 2017.

Elaine was baptized at an early age by the late Reverend Raymond R. Robinson at Israel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. She loved the Lord Jesus Christ, always singing gospel songs and quoting Scriptures. Prior to her passing, she was virtually attending Brown Memorial AME Church.

Elaine was highly intelligent and had the gift of gab. She would investigate and research everything and would challenge anyone at the drop of a hat. She possessed a beautiful smile with and without her teeth. And she had an infectious, recognizable laugh.

Elaine loved bowling with her family, playing cards and dancing. Going fishing with her buddy Sonia was one of her favorite pastimes. She also loved to play the lottery and would occasionally drop in at the casinos, especially MGM.

Elaine began a new lifestyle in May 1992 that helped her in so many ways. She was an organizer and loved to discuss politics. She became the Chairperson of Area 13 and was Delegate of Panel 59 to the General Services Conference. She simply enjoyed life. Although very opinionated, she was loved dearly. We know she is now with her parents and friends, and that they are all having a wonderful time together with her Precious Lord. Elaine was loved and will surely be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, Elaine.

Present with the Lord, her spirit lives on in her sister, Horatia Diane Fagan Robinson (Coy); brothers, Lancelot W. "Pete" Fagan and Patrick S. Fagan (Sheila); beloved cat, Jasmine; nephews: Antoine Shawn Fagan, Joshua Fagan and Anthoney Clark; nieces, Justine Fagan and Myesha Fagan Howell; great-nephews: Antoine B. "Benny" Fagan, Marcel Williams and Malakai Howell; great-nieces: Cherakea, Alana and Akaiya; great-great niece, Aela; and many more relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: II Corinthians 2:1-5*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *Mr. Robert Martin*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Ms. Rachel Weiss, Neighbor
Mr. Billy Chandler, Jr., Friend
Ms. Laura Jackson, Friend
Ms. Lynette Daniels, Area 13*

Poem *Reverend Donnica W. Johnson*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *Ms. Melva Adams*

Message of Hope *Reverend Steven A. Battle, Sr.*

Call to Christ

Recessional



Family Sentiments

One of Elaine's Favorite Prayers

To The Father

God, I don't want to pretend to love others, I want to really love them. Please help my love to be genuine. Show me how to honor other people. I want my relationship with you to change the way I interact with others. So please change my heart, and teach me to delight in You! In Jesus' name. Amen!

Author Unknown

Elaine,

I little knew the day that God was going to call your name. Then again, none of us really know. In this life you were admired for your strength through many of life's battles. You advocated for neighbors and all that crossed your path in need of help. Most of all your decision to totally give your ALL to Jesus!

I believe when God called you home, you did not hesitate to answer Him. Sis, you left me with peaceful memories of your God Forecasts, daily texts of encouragement, songs that inspired you as you walked, and the warm welcome I received when calling Momma Delma Fagan or my visits to serve her communion. You grafted me into your biological family.

Though I can no longer see you or read new texts from you with ALL the emoji's you find or talking about who rules your home (Lady Jasmine) and her antics. I will also miss your daily entries in the You Version Bible.

One day we will have our new ageless bodies, dance, sing, praise God, and love our new life in Jesus.

Your Sister in Christ, Michelle F.

Delma Elaine Gaisey served Panel 59 as Delegate to the General Service Conference in 2009 and 2010, for Area 13, which is made up of the District of Columbia, Maryland's two most populous counties, and three linguistic districts, which include Spanish-speaking groups in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. She served on the Corrections Committee and also was Alternate Chairperson for the International Conventions/A.A. Regional Forums Committee.

In an email she sent to our former Northeast Regional Trustees, Elaine wrote: "There are two things that I never get tired of talking about: the amazing and wonderful Grace of God and the changes that have happened in my life because of the 36 Principles of RECOVERY, UNITY, AND SERVICE!"

In 2007 or 2008, Elaine called me because she had a lot of literature that had been passed on to her and that she wanted to share. She brought two boxes of literature and said, "Please share these books with the ladies in the Transitional Living Program." For several of the women, it was the first time they owned their own 12 and 12 and Big Book, and they expressed their gratitude to Elaine when she came back to visit them at Samaritan Inns.

One of the things I remember about Elaine is she ended her emails by saying: "We are continuously presented with opportunities for growth that are disguised as insurmountable problems." She said: "I try to pass on the program as it was so lovingly passed on to me!"

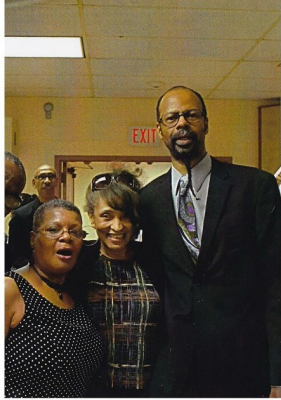
This year when I was leaving the 73rd General Service Conference, I ran into our interim Chair. He said: "Please make sure to tell Elaine I said hello. We served together on Panel 59, and we had a ball!" That's one thing I will remember about Elaine: she believed in having fun. There was no way you could forget how she used to laugh, and she had a way of making others laugh too!

It took a while for me to really understand and appreciate Elaine. She didn't have a problem sharing exactly how she felt about things, but I learned a lot from her. I remember when I responded to an email that she sent me, and I asked her how Jasmine was doing. She said: "Jasmine is still here, and I haven't put her out yet; so, it's working well. Thanks for asking about her because she definitely runs the house!" When Horatia called me to tell me that Elaine passed away, I asked how she was doing, and I also asked how "her daughter Jasmine" was doing because she often put "Love from Elaine and Jasmine" at the end of her cards and emails. Horatia laughed for a while and said, "Lynette, Jasmine is her cat." Horatia and I got a good laugh at that!

Elaine loved reading and sharing about our history. She passed on things that she learned from her predecessors and often shared what she was taught by John S. and Sandy C. In 2010, she was asked to share on the topic: Communication: The Key to an Informed Decision. She wrote: "When first given the invitation from our Conference coordinator to write on this topic, my initial reaction was, "It's such a long topic, where do I begin?" She wrote: "Today, the tools of technology have expanded our capacity to communicate with each other instantly. Have you ever received a reply to an email that included 92 other people? Have you ever pushed the send button and later regretted it? Have you ever been in a meeting and were busy thinking of what you were going to share once the speaker was finished? Communication is a two-way street that also involves listening. I need to listen before I reply so that I will make an informed decision on the information being presented. This has not always been the case, as I have had to make amends for nonrestraint of tongue and pen. Before a decision of mine is "informed," I need to listen." I think we can all learn something from the words of Elaine. Our lives, our city, and the world as a whole is blessed because of the life, the words, and the legacy of Delma Elaine Gaisey.

With A Loving Spirit – Lynette D., Delegate Panel 73





Congregational Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Acknowledgments

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown. For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today

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Love, the family.

Flower Bearers

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