

**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
OF
Mrs. Margie Elizabeth Ellison**



**Sunrise
December 28, 1949**

**Sunset
October 2, 2009**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009
10:00 AM**

**Alston Chapel United Holy Church
1832 Alston Chapel Ch. Rd.
Pittsboro, North Carolina**

**Elder Jerry W. Powell, Officiating
Reverend Dr. William Barber, Eulogist**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Interlude Bishop Timothy Farrar

Musical Selection Taylor Mauldin

Scripture

Old Testament Sister Linda Sisco

New Testament Rev. Tammy Mauldin

Prayer of Comfort Rev. David Scotten

Obituary Dr. Stella Horton

Selection Bishop Timothy Farrar

Eulogy Reverend Dr. William Barber
Pastor, Greenleaf Christian Church
President, North Carolina NAACP

Acknowledgements Del Turner

Remarks

Blessing of the Food Rev. Carl Thompson

Recessional



Drivers in procession, please use headlights

Until We Meet Again



To Those I love

*When I am gone, just release me,
let me go –
so I can move into my
afterglow.*

*You mustn't' tie me down with your
tears;
let's be happy that we had so many
years.*

*I gave you my love, you can only
guess how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted with trust.
It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the
memories within your heart - and then when you must
come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."*



The Life of Margie Ellison

Margie Elizabeth Ellison was born at Duke University Hospital on December 28, 1949 to Charlie and Ruth Horton. She was the second girl of two siblings.

Margie attended Horton High School and graduated in 1968. She matriculated at North Carolina Central University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work. While at Central, she met her future husband and soulmate, Joseph Ellison. To this union was born their devoted and faithful son, Khalid Amin Ellison. Additionally, **Margie** attended Rutgers – The State University in Camden, New Jersey.

In 1975, **Margie** moved to Camden, New Jersey where she was employed by the Pennsylvania Youth Development Center (YDC) as a Diagnostician, with the responsibility of testing, diagnosing, and recommending strategies for remediating educational challenges and behavioral intervention strategies for youth in the care of YDC. In 1977, she was employed by the State of New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) as a Case Worker. She was known for her compassion, dedication and hard work as a strong advocate for abused and neglected children and youth.

In 1983, she returned to Pittsboro, North Carolina and began working with the Chatham County Department of Social Services. During her employment with the Department of Social Services, she advanced to become a supervisor. Once she retired from the Department of Social Services she began working with North Carolina WARN. She acted as Organizing Director and was instrumental with the implementation of their mission. She was an advocacy for the green job agenda. **Margie** was also founder of Grassroots Energy Alliance and Durham's Black, Brown & Green.

Margie was a lifelong Episcopalian who was confirmed at St. James Episcopal Church. She was a member of St Bartholomew Episcopal Church where she served as an Eucharistic Ministry.

Those who knew or simply came in contact with **Margie** never forgot her, whether exposed to the impact of her work or the far-ranging scope of her influence; she was appreciated by the many people who were aware of her tremendous contributions to many of their causes.

Margie gave of herself to the many diverse communities in Chatham County and throughout North Carolina. Her genius along with her indomitable courage to face anyone established her as a great community organizer. With vigor and steadfastness, **Margie** maintained her principles no matter how controversial the issue.

While it is impossible to articulate the totality of all of Margie's participation in the community, the following provides a representation of the many activities, organizations and the broad range of causes and issues to which she dedicated her life: Member, Chatham County Fair Association Board; Active member of NAACP; Chairwoman, African American Caucus for Chatham County Democratic Party; Member Chatham County Economic Development Commission, appointed by Commissioner Carl Thompson; Chairman of Chatham County Human Relations Commission; Chairperson and CEO of Chatham Community Development Corp; Committee member of the Horton High School Reunion of the Classes; Managed the 2006 Campaign for Commissioner Carl Thompson; former member of the Chatham Coalition; Member Chatham County Democratic party; Advisor to the Youth Group, Together United for Freedom (TUFF). **Margie** received the Independent Weekly's Citizen of the Year Award in 2006; Founder and Executive Director of Grooming Health Communities; Former Member Chatham County Democratic Women. Margie worked diligently to address the issues of diversity with the African-American, Latino and white communities in Chatham County; participated powerfully in many local, states and national elections.

Margie was predeceased by her father, Charlie Horton, Jr. She leaves to mourn her death but honor her life, her husband, Joseph; her devoted son, Khalid Amin Ellison and his wife, Tasha; her mother, Ruth Horton; her sister, Dr. Stella Horton; a nephew, Braheim Knight; a grandson, Zack and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Margie will be fondly remembered for her unselfish nature and her generosity of spirit to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

*Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family*

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Friends of the Family



Pallbearers
Friends of the Family



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kindness you have shown during our time of sorrow. Be assured that your concern and support has been a source of strength. May God Bless you all.

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