

# *In Loving Memory of Carolyn Octavia Howard*



*Sunrise: October 17, 1938*

*Sunset: February 1, 2016*

Service

Friday, February 12, 2016 1:00 p.m.

*Holy Cross Cemetery*

*5835 West Slauson Avenue  
Culver City, California 90230*

## *Obituary*

The world was blessed with the presence of Carolyn Octavia Howard Ellis on October 10, 1938 in Marshal, Texas. This bundle of joy was born to the proud parents: Inez Singleton and Smith Wesley Howard. After migrating to Los Angeles with her mother, Carolyn's time was divided between raising her younger siblings, attending school and helping her mother in the family business. She ran her household efficiently feeding the children, completing chores, cooking when necessary and cleaning all the time. Despite her constricted schedule, Carolyn still found time to participate in a horde of extracurricular activities from gymnastics and ballet to tap dancing and singing. Carolyn's gifts later flourished as she created her own musical group, the Carols; but as life often does, Carolyn decided to take the road less travelled. She pursued nursing, teaching, and the arts. However, none of those pursuits left her feeling fulfilled, until she applied for an opening at LAC USC Medical Center. Carolyn Ellis was a dedicated County employee, who poured 57 years into the service before retiring as a Supervisor. Though she had no children of her own, she loved her nieces and nephews dearly and took many of them in as if they were her own. Carolyn was proud, hardworking, honest, earnest, sincere and no nonsense. She knew what she wanted and she went after it; but more importantly she knew the Lord, she loved the Lord and she had a personal relationship with Him. To summarize the legacy of Carolyn Octavia Ellis would take much more than 77 years and yet that was all the time that God saw fit to bless us with. And to account for all of her hopes, dreams, prayers, ambitions and accomplishments would take more than a lifetime, maybe even two. Yet, here I am required to publish a rendition of her life within a few sentences. Carolyn's years have been colored by philanthropy, laughter, joy, tears, love and loss, as our lives so often are. It's like trying to fit the world within your pocket. Carolyn was dearly loved by her family and friends; and we know that it is not goodbye, but see you later. Carolyn Ellis is survived by a brother, Robert Ebow and innumerable cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

# Order of Service

Processional

(Insert Name)

Opening Prayer

(Insert Name)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23

Judah Ben Hur

New Testament: (Insert here)

Dr. Jynona Norwood

Acknowledgements

Nicole

Janice

Delroy

Closing Prayer

(Janice Insert Last Name )

Recessional

(Reverend)

To Heaven I Go

by

Elizabeth Ebow

Let me fear me not  
With deep and saddened eyes  
As I drift ever closer  
To my earthly form's demise

I have drunk the living waters  
And eaten of the Heavenly feast  
But now my soul is required  
To depart this world in peace

The tears that I now cry  
Are for the ones I love  
That I will watch in wondrous joy  
As I look on from above

I have run the race  
And stayed the course, tis true  
I have loved and lost- all that I'm not  
And gave it all for you

Now in my passing dear Lord  
To your side I will return  
So light the flame inside us all  
So in us, You shall burn

Pall Bearers

Elijah Ebow  
Delroy Johnson  
Kaeron Rogers  
Judah Ben Hur  
(Nicole's Son)  
(Reverend)

Honorary Pall Bearers

Robert R. Ebow  
Robert Height  
Robert F. Ebow  
Lawrence Ebow  
Ian Ebow  
Joshua Ebow

Acknowledgements:

Fredessa Graham  
Elizabeth Ebow

