



Elizabeth Singleton

February 9, 1956 - April 18, 2020

Obituary

Elizabeth Ann Singleton, 64, was born on February 9, 1956 to Dr. Reverend William Singleton, Sr Ph.D, a Baptist minister and long-time president of Western Bible College, and Dr. Florence Revels Singleton Ph.D., a respected educator, who was also a relative of Senator Hiram R. Revels, the first Black Senator of the United States representing Mississippi, who was also a Minister. Elizabeth was born in Kansas City and resided, along with her parents, brother, William Matthew Hall Singleton, Jr., and her sister, Margaret Ann Singleton, on one of the most prominent elevations in the city, the mount where Western Bible College stands on 2119 Tracy Ave Kansas City MO.

Elizabeth attended Kansas City's Wheatley Elementary School, Lincoln Junior High School and Southwest High School from which she graduated in 1974. After graduating from Southwest High School, Elizabeth attended Howard University, Washington, D.C., and graduated in _1978_ with a baccalaureate degree in Communications. While there she wrote articles on politics, history, and current events for various news outlets.

As the daughter of a Baptist minister and a committed Christian mother, Elizabeth grew to know and trust in God, and her faith was continuously and richly nurtured. She became a Christian and was baptized at an early age. Elizabeth, as a child and adolescent, was an active member of Paseo Baptist Church and sang in the choir. Upon returning from Washington D.C., after a

long stay there, she joined Friendship Baptist Church with her daughter and grand daughter.

Verbal expression, including writing and oratory, was highly valued in the Singleton family, and Elizabeth, like others in her family, excelled in both, successfully competing in church-sponsored church oratorical contests.

An intellectual with wide-ranging interests, Elizabeth enjoyed the lively debate on controversial topics, including her various alternative views and theories on historical and current affairs. With her rich background in communications and verbal skills at persuasion, she relied upon her impressive recall of critical facts and statistics on many issues--politics, religion, history and health--to support her arguments.

Elizabeth was a colorful, vibrant, and unique woman who expressed her artistic nature through creative dress and makeup, visual art, and design. She was also a joy to be around with a wonderful sense of humor and an exuberant laugh. Unlike many, she was quicker to make fun of herself than others.

She learned the importance of service to others through her father and mother's example. Reverend Singleton, Elizabeth once observed, was "always helping people." Committed to community service, she served several organizations, including Swope Community Builders, Sheraton Estates Neighborhood Association, and The Women's Ministry Queen Esther Circle. She was a member of Who's Who In 2006-2007 edition, which also included her other family members, Although she was never concerned with receiving recognition for herself, As one of her lifelong friends with whom she volunteered on behalf of the Kansas City Chapter of Howard University Alumni Scholarship Fund remarked--" Liz could

always be counted on to get the work done--a diligent and dependable worker bee."

While Elizabeth had many different jobs throughout her life--office

administrator, telecommunications, youth development, community organizing, founding member and published writer for Black History Is No Mystery Magazine (bkhonline.com) where you can still read her articles—her joy was nurturing relationships with friends and giving her time in service to others, including young people and those devastated by poverty and natural disasters. Her concern for meeting the needs of children motivated her, for example, to become a foster parent and later adopt her daughter, Maleeka. Determined to help people in need, she managed the Red Cross Haitian Relief Telethon conducted on local community college campuses and raised funds for many worthwhile nonprofit endeavors.

Elizabeth lived a full life, enriched by her many relationships. Her simple pleasures included creating artistic designs, paintings, and writings, chatting with friends and family, and spending time with her granddaughter, Aliceia. Elizabeth had an uncanny ability to reach people deeply and positively. She touched many lives with her generosity and passion for life.

Elizabeth made her transition from this life peacefully at the family home on April 18, 2020. She was welcomed to heaven by her parents, who preceded her in death. She leaves behind family and many friends who loved her and will miss her--brother, William, of Boston, Massachusetts, sister, Margaret, of Washington, DC, daughter, Maleeka Brown, grand daughter, Aliceia Brown of Kansas City, Missouri, and Lucien Matthew Smith, Sr.(nephew) and Kelli and great-nephew, Lucien Matthew Smith, Jr. and great-nieces, Skylar and Micah Smith. Henery Lane, cousin and Donnie Fisher adoptive cousin.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 1, 2020 at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Linwood Chapel. Visitation 12:00 P.M. Interment Forest Hill & Calvary Cemetery.

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