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Eleanor Elizabeth Marshall affectionately called Ellie B, was born January 1, 1931 in New Orleans Parrish, Louisiana. She spent her childhood in New Orleans and spent a lot of time with her grandparents before moving to Chicago. She was the only child of Wilson and Lucille Marshall who both preceded her in death. She grew up in Chicago, Illinois and graduated from W.E.B. Du Bois High School in 1951. In 1947 Eleanor was baptized in St. Anselm Roman Catholic Church in Chicago and was re-baptized, accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, on June 2, 1985 in Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, California. Eleanor began attending For His Glory Church in 2012.

On June 11, 1957 Eleanor married Orlando Lee Biggs Jr. and when Orlando entered the United States Army, they left Chicago and traveled to San Francisco California. Eventually Orlando was transferred to Fort Ord, California and they bought a home in Seaside California to raise their family in. They had five children, Pamela, Kimberly, Myrna, Patricia and Orlando Lee III.

Eleanor's love of travel began when the family traveled to Germany and lived there for four years. She traveled all over Europe and the United States with her favorite trip being a visit to the Hawaiian Islands with Orlando. Eleanor was a resident of North Highlands California and lived there for 30 years.

Eleanor was a private duty nurse on the Monterey Peninsula while also attending Monterey Peninsula College where she received an AA degree in nursing. In 1973 Eleanor and her children moved to San Jose, California where she worked at Lockheed, until she moved to North Highlands in 1986. Miss Eleanor worked at Health Net until she retired to take care of her daughter Pamela full time who has MS. She made sure that all of Pamela's needs were taken care of for 25 years and until her illness, she took care of Pam selflessly.

She was a laid back woman who took care of business and her love for fine perfume



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and shopping at Nordstrom's is well known by all who were close to her. Her wealth of friends will miss her presence in their lives, because she was a special woman and made everyone know that she genuinely cared about them. She was a good friend. Eleanor loved music with Jazz being her favorite and her favorite artist were, David Sanborn, Kenny G, Yoni, and anyone who played a saxophone. She also loved old school R&B, snapping her fingers to Stevie Wonder, dancing to the Temptations and singing off key to Fire and Desire. Culture and education were important to her, so she exposed her children and grandchildren to the world of books and museums. She also took her granddaughters to the ballet, exposing them to performances like the Nutcracker and the Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe.

She was a philanthropist and gave to several organizations supporting their causes. Eleanor influenced the lives of so many people outside of her family and would help anyone in need if she could. She devoted her life to her family and all of their friends call her Grandmother or Miss Eleanor. Her love of cooking spilled over into the community and she generously prepared



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Myrna Biggs posted:

Everyday i wish u were here u were my pne and truly friend my mom the only person in my cornor mother i miss u so much it still pains me i open the china hutch and i smell u i will always have that mother i love u so much

August 31 at 2:41 PM



Alvin Grismore posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Eleanor Elizabeth Marshall

August 27 at 8:49 AM



Alvin Grismore posted:

Everyday I sit and think about my grams. It brings pain to my heart to know that I will never see her again. Sometimes I question life and wonder all the time, how could we lose such a beautiful, wonderful human being. US as humans take almost everything for granted, but not eleanor, she lived life right and for all the good things that come with it. Honestly my life will never be complete but I can make sure I will think of this AMAZING woman every freaking day of my LIFE. I miss u ELLIE B... to the fullest and will forever have u etched in my HEART. Love ur grandson, Alvin

August 27 at 8:37 AM



Stephanie Richardson posted:

I'm sorry it took me so long to respond but I just don't understand how people can lose such an amazing individual... The times I have encountered Ms. Eleanor, she delivered such knowledge and power that shaped me into the woman I am today. She would always speak of how proud she was of her children and grand children. She was a driving force in my success. I love you all and I'll be sending a video soon.

May 8 at 1:00 PM



Orlando Biggs posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Elizabeth Marshall

May 6 at 1:11 PM



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TG

Trina Grismore posted:

My grandmother is very much missed... Not a day has gone by that she had not been thought about... Every time I close my eyes I see that beautiful smile of hers.. I miss her so much I love you Ellie B...

April 30 at 3:54 PM

SS

Shelese Scorpiopalmer posted:

My heart hurts so much Grandmother your one of the best things that has happened to me and i appreciate you for everything that you have ever done for me and my family,you were the rock of the Biggs Family and the light of my eye until I see you again I Love You mom

April 23 at 2:34 AM

KJ

Kimberly Biggs-Jordan posted:

I've missed you for a while now, and I miss you more as each day passes. I am so proud of you and with the courage and grace you taught me, you definitely led by example. I love you Mother and I pray for the day when we'll be together again. In the mean time and in between time, your legacy lives on.With so much love than words can ever express, Kim

April 22 at 3:20 PM



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