



## Ms. Camelia Murphy- Elder

August 24, 1943 - January 30, 2025

Camelia Murphy Elder was born in Birmingham, Alabama on August 24, 1943, to the late James Murphy Sr. and Lucinda Edwards. She peacefully departed this life on January 30, 2025.

Camelia embraced her faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at a young age. She was a devoted Zion Missionary Baptist Church member in Birmingham, Alabama, until she moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Camelia graduated from Ullman High School in 1961 at the age of 17. Soon after, she met and married Johnny B. Elder. Their union was blessed with five cherished children. Camelia leaves to honor her memory: her four beloved sons, Cedric (Dornita), Eric, Brian, and Marcus Elder, and her precious daughter, Renita Elder-Robinson.

Affectionately known as "Tut," "Momma," "Granny," and "Mrs. Elder" by those who loved her, Camelia took immense pride in her roles as a mother and grandmother. She pursued higher education at Detroit Business College, earning an associate's degree in accounting/business, excelling particularly in mathematical equations. Her career included seasonal work with H&R Block and a nearly 20-year tenure as an Account Clerk with Wayne County's Department of Management and Budget before her retirement.

Camelia enjoyed life's simple pleasures: spending time with family and friends, smoking her Winston cigarettes, drinking coffee, playing the lottery, and visiting the casino. She relished every moment with those she loved.

She was a proud grandmother to Cedric Clickscale, Wardell Brown, Daron Elder, Erica Foster, Darius Elder, David Hatter (Ashley), Marcia Ricks (Ricardo), Sytoria Wahid, Devon Elder, Lamar Foster, Khaleeda Robinson, Najee Robinson (Morica), Imante Bosques, Marcus Elder Jr., Nyla Elder, and Macen Elder.

Camelia was preceded in death by her siblings Sarah Williams, James Murphy Jr., Johnny Elle, and Alfred Lyles.

Camelia's legacy lives on through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, a host of other family members and friends.

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again." Maya Angelou

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens

34224 Ford Rd.  
Westland, MI 48185

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Monday, Feb. **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Tuesday, Feb. **11**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Celebration of Life

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Tuesday, Feb. **11**. 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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# Tribute Wall

KW

“ *katherine ward lit a candle in memory of Camelia Elder*



katherine ward - February 23, 2025 at 07:41 PM

CH

“ *Sending Sincere Condolences to You all, May God Bless You All and Give You Strength 🙏. Our Hearts Are With You All. From Us All.. The Sanders Family.*

Cynthia Holloway - February 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM

FF

“ *From : The Borner Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Camelia Murphy- Elder.*



From : The Borner Family - February 10, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Camelia Murphy- Elder.*



February 06, 2025 at 03:25 PM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Camelia Elder



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**Jeffrey Davis** - February 03, 2025 at 09:20 AM