

In Loving Memory of
Anna Elaine Scott Gunn



Pall Bearers

Abdul-Salaam Muhammad
Kamal-Uddin Muhammad II
Kevin Brady

Keith Cottman
Clarence Gunn IV
Daniel Pigott, Sr.

August 14, 1930 ~ February 25, 2017

Anna Elaine Scott Gunn was born in Hagerstown, MD on August 14, 1930, to Norman Lee Scott and Laura Robinson Scott. She was the youngest of seven children: five sisters, Lillian, Catherine, Hazel, Dorothy and Ruth, all of whom preceded her in death, and a brother, Sonny, who drowned when he was in his 30's. She died peacefully on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at her son's home in Dallas, TX, after a long illness.

Anna Elaine Scott was known as "Elaine". With the blessing of her mother, she moved to ^{Lenox} Stockbridge, MA when she was 14, with a family she used to work for in Hagerstown. Elaine's mother knew Elaine would have opportunities for a better life in Stockbridge., so Elaine enrolled in school in Stockbridge and graduated from Williams High School. She went off to New York, where she attended college at New York University.

Elaine was introduced to Clarence Sylvester Gunn, Jr (Moe), at the ^{Crawford's} ~~Patison~~ tea shop in Gt. Barrington. They were married in March, 1951 on Easter Sunday at the Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, in Gt. Barrington. Moe and Elaine would have been married for 66 years this coming March. Moe preceded Elaine in death, by just a little less than a month ago. Moe and Elaine had five children, Fatimah (Tina), Anita, Clarence III (Clay), Tracey and Scott. They are also survived by nine grandchildren, Halimah, Kamal, Tiana, Kenita, Tondalea and husband Kevin, Cheryl and husband Daniel, Clarence IV, Marissa, and Keshia. They were preceded in death by a grandson, Orrin Darnell (mother Anita) and a son-in-law ,Bland Kevin Tinsley (wife Anita). They also have two great-grandchildren; Jaylen (mother Marissa) and Daniel (mother Cheryl). There are numerous nieces and nephews who survive Elaine. Dorothy's son, Stanley Aloyouis Leon, and Ruth's daughters, Bobbie, Donna and Terry Reid. On Moe's side of the family, three nephews also survive her, Abdul Salaam Muhammad and wife Esther, Keith Cottman and wife Gevoda, and Gregory Cottman. They were Moe's sister, Betty and her husband Kenneth Cottman's sons. As well, there are a multitude of great nieces, nephews on both sides of the family remaining. Elaine is also survived by a cousin, Mervin Scott of Harrisburg, PA.

The family also wishes to acknowledge a very special family friend, Jeff Martini, who treated "Mama Gunn", as he used to call her, as if she really was his mother. Jeff assisted in providing her the most compassionate care. Mama Gunn really enjoyed his company and they often spent hours shopping, cooking or just chatting together.

Probably one of her proudest achievements was finishing her education and becoming a teacher, then earning her M.Ed. at MCLA in North Adams. Elaine taught school for a almost 25 years. She was a third grade teacher at Bryant Elementary School and was highly regarded by her peers, parents and students. When Elaine retired from teaching, a tree was planted at the school in honor of the work she had done. She then went to work at the Norman Rockwell Museum, probably because of the connection she felt to Norman Rockwell when he was living, primarily because of his penchant for using Gunn family models for his portraits, including two of her own daughters, Anita and Tracey.

Elaine had a multitude of interests. She was a community activist. She was one of the instrumental group of townspeople who worked hard to get the birthplace of W.E.B. Dubois recognized as a historical site and to get a memorial placed on the land in his honor. In time, the town accepted the legacy of W.E.B. Dubois, and now there are other tributes to the man in the town, in large part due to the early work of this small group of people. As a young mother, Elaine campaigned for politicians she believed in and over the years, developed friendships with some, including the governor, Duval Patrick.

An avid churchgoer, Elaine became a member of the First Congregational Church in Stockbridge many years ago and became very active in the church. She was part of the committee to find the new pastor for the church, the Reverend Brent Damrow, officiating here today. She also served on the service league for the church.

Elaine was always on the go. She liked getting around. She joined a book club that met monthly at the different members homes where everyone brought a dish, for arguably the highlight of the evening. And of course she loved to travel. She and Moe cruised from Alaska to Hawaii, to the Mediterranean to the Caribbean. They traveled to Greece, Japan , Germany to visit their daughter, Tracey, whose former husband was deployed to these places, and they traveled to the Bahamas with their daughter Fatimah, for fun in the sun at her timeshare there. For the past 6 years, Moe and Elaine spent the winters at Scott's home in Dallas, TX. Closer to home, the Gunn Family Reunion was always eagerly anticipated, at which time, Elaine saw and interacted with all the family, and especially the younger folks with whom she had a special bond. She reveled in her role as the Matriarch of the family and was loved by all. Mama Gunn will truly be missed.

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Gathering Music.....Catherine Schane-Lydon
 Welcome/Prayer.....Rev. Brent Damrow
 Call to Worship.....Isaiah 43: 1-4a
 One: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
 All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
 One: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
 Many: When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
 One: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
 Many: Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love
 Precious Lord.....Joallen Forte
 The 23rd Psalm.....Family
 Reflection.....Rev. Brent Damrow
 Anthem.....Near to the Heart of God
 Eulogy.....Jeffrey Troy Martini
 Sharing.....Please limit responses to 2 minutes
 Solo.....Marjorie Dix
 Prayer.....Rev. Brent Damrow
 Hymn (See Insert).....I Come to the Garden Alone
 Benediction.....Rev. Brent Damrow
 Postlude.....Catherine Schane-Lydon

Prayer of Committal at Elmwood Cemetery

The family requests that everyone sign the guest register