

*Pallbearers*  
Richard Akinretoyé    Khalil Barnes    James Allen Branson  
Leonard Fitzgerald    Alphfonzo Pearsall    Lawrence Satchell

*Flower Bearers*  
Grandchildren

*Acknowledgement*

The family acknowledges with deep gratitude the many expressions of kindness extended to them. Your compassion has been a great comfort. May God continue to richly bless all of you.  
-The Family-

*Special Recognition*

The family wishes to make special mention of the tireless hands-on support of Mother Lillian Waugh in helping care for Mom over the past 5 or so years; of the never-ending giving and sacrificial support of Mother Letha Roach throughout Mom's illness; for the professional and delicate care of Capitol Hospice - Largo, MD during Mom's final days; of the kindness of Bishop Clarence Groover, Mother Nettie Groover, and the members of Fisherman of Men Church for opening their hearts and doors to host Mom's services and repast; of the untiring services provided by Elder David and Sister Angela Gillispie to our family... You are family! and last, but certainly not least, of our Church Family whom we love and thank for always being there for us and for others in many ways. To all we say thank you from the depths of our hearts and with much appreciation and gratitude.

*Repast*

Following the Interment, the family will receive those sharing in this celebration for a repast at:

Fisherman of Men Church  
3641 Georgia Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20010

*(Catering provide by: Fisherman of Men Church Catering Service)*

*Arrangements Entrusted To:*

Stewart Funeral Home  
4001 Benning Road, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20019

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*A Celebration of Life*  
*Mother Evelyn Roach*

of  
New Born Church of God and True Holiness, Inc.  
*Bishop Allen L. Roach, Pastor*  
a member of

The New Born Lighthouse Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.  
*Bishop Winfer Turner, International General Overseer*

***December 13, 1930 - January 19, 2010***



**Viewing: 10:00 AM**

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**Service: 11:00 AM**

**Fisherman of Men Church**  
3641 Georgia Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
Bishop Clarence Groover, *Pastor*

Elder David Gillispie, *Presiding*



We thank the Lord for blessing us with such a precious *jewel* in our lives in the person of Mother Evelyn Roach. During her final days, her children, family and saints were there in support.

As she drew closer to her departure, her son Allen gathered us around her bedside, and we prayed for Mom and the family. On January 19th (which also happens to be her late husband's birthday-Woodrow Roach, Sr.), we gazed upon her as she looked so beautiful and peaceful. We sang songs and played soft music to comfort her.

We spoke words of love and told her it was okay to take her rest. We saw her last tear roll down her face, and were elated to see that wonderful smile that formed on her face as she took her last breath...oh what a reassuring and glorious sight!

We all then gathered around her, and embraced and comforted one another.



“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

*II Timothy 4:7-8*



## Order of Service

Presiding	Elder David L. Gillispie, <i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Opening Selection	NBLC Mass Choir - <i>“Caught Up to Meet Him”</i>
Invocation	Clergy
Scripture Reading	Old Testament <i>Psalms 116:7-16</i>  New Testament <i>I Corinthians 15:54-58</i>
Selection	NBLC Mass Choir - <i>“Rise Above It All”</i>
Expressions (3 minutes, please)	Friends, Church & Family
Prayer of Consolation	Clergy
Selection	NBLC Mass Choir - <i>“Lift Up Holy Hands”</i>
Acknowledgements & Readings	Sister Angela Gillispie, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Solo	Mother Roxie Turner - <i>“Walk Around Heaven”</i>
The Preached Word	Bishop Winfer Turner <i>International General Overseer</i> <i>The New Born Lighthouse Church, OTAFI</i>
Recessional	NBLC Mass Choir - <i>“Holiness Is Right”</i>
Interment	National Harmony Memorial Park Landover, Maryland
Closing Prayer and Benediction	Clergy

## Life Journey

Mother Evelyn Roach, the daughter of the late Dock and Elvira Snow, was born in Horry, South Carolina, on Saturday, December 13, 1930. On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, she peacefully entered into her rest in the comfort of her home with family members present.

Evelyn Roach received her education in South Carolina, and migrated to Washington, D.C. On May 28, 1948, she was united in Holy Matrimony to her late husband, Woodrow Roach, Sr. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She was employed by several families performing domestic work. She was known by her grandchildren affectionately as, “Grandma.” She showed love and concern to her only sister, Josephine Roach. She was that virtuous woman who worked diligently at home, caring for her family and neighbors, and graciously welcomed many visiting saints into her home.

Evelyn received the gift of the Holy Ghost on August 3, 1950, and was later baptized in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Mother was a praying woman, and was faithful in the church prior to her illness. She served in several church auxiliaries and committees; the Baptismal Committee, the Communion Committee, the Senior Choir, and the Culinary Committee. We loved to hear Mother Roach sing those old songs, such as: “If I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?” and “Just Keep On Praying, the Lord Is Nigh.”

Mother Roach was quiet and reserved, a woman of few words, but her deeds spoke volumes of the type of person she was. It was those kind deeds which often left a lasting impression on those who came to know her. In the home, we would hear her pray, sing spiritual songs, and read the Bible. She was a quiet soul, but full of wisdom, compassion, and given to tremendous hospitality.

Mother Roach was preceded in death by her husband: Bishop Woodrow Roach, Sr., parents: Dock and Elvira Snow, and only brother: Dock Snow, Jr. She is survived by her three daughters: Mary Branson (James), Mildred Henson, and Shirley Roach; three sons: Woodrow, Jr. (Deborah), Allen (Priscilla), and Nathaniel (Ursula); one sister: Josephine Roach; four brother-in-laws and their wives; a very special sister-in-law and friend: Mother Letha Roach; a special son-in-law: Elder James (Bud) Branson, whom we love and respect; and an honorary family member: Lawrence Satchell, who loved and served “Mom” (as he called her) as his own mother. She also had 22 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives, friends, and her church family. Mom is resting in the arms of the Savior, but she will live forever in our hearts and minds.

## Letter of Resolution

The International General Overseer, Bishop Winfer Turner, the Board of Directors, and the affiliate churches of The New Born Lighthouse Church of the Apostolic Faith, Incorporated, humbly submit to the infinite wisdom of God and, therefore, rejoice in the home-going of Mother Evelyn Roach. We hold fast to the promises of God as we adjust to the physical absence of this great "Woman of God" in our company. Reflection on Mother Evelyn's life inspires us to document the following:

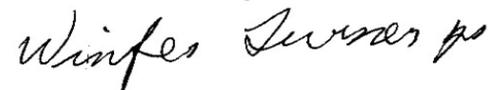
Whereas, Mother Evelyn Roach was the founding first lady and member of New Born Church of God and True Holiness, Inc., in Capitol Heights, MD, and served faithfully until her declining health prevented her;

And whereas, Mother Evelyn Roach, was steadfast in the doctrine; enduring sound doctrine until the end, paying special attention to II Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables." Matthew 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved";

And, whereas, Mother Evelyn Roach, fulfilled the instruction of the Apostle Paul to Timothy in II Timothy 2:3, and endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ;

Be it resolved that the International General Overseer, Board of Directors, and affiliate churches of The New Born Lighthouse Church of the Apostolic Faith, Incorporated, firmly believe that Mother Evelyn Roach, at the approaching of her departure from this world, could say as the Apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8. We encourage the family and friends of Mother Evelyn Roach, to join us as we follow her example and "strive to enter at the strait gate."

Respectfully submitted,  
The New Born Lighthouse Church of the Apostolic Faith, Incorporated



Bishop Winfer Turner, International General Overseer

*"Official Correspondence"*



## Church Paper

**Mother Evelyn Roach, Founding First Lady**  
New Born Church of God and True Holiness, Inc.

Our beloved Mother Evelyn and Bishop Woodrow Roach were united in holy matrimony on May 28, 1948. The Lord filled her with the Holy Ghost on August 3, 1950. She was devoted to her husband and his ministry. She stood by his side and cared for him faithfully until his passing in 1997. She was a wonderful mother to her children, grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spiritual mother to those of us in the church. She continued on after Bishop Roach's passing until God closed her eyes in peace with a smile on her face on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, Bishop Woodrow Roach's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Mother Evelyn Roach was an integral part of our church. She sang with the Senior Choir, served on the Baptism and Communion Committees as well as the Cooking Committee. As we all know she was a marvelous cook. Bishop Woodrow once teased her, that he didn't know what she would do if heaven didn't have a kitchen. Mother Roach exemplified the scripture in that she was definitely one given to hospitality. Down through the years she lodged many of the saints and cared for them in her home. Even when she became ill, she still encouraged those of us who came after her to take care of the saints. She was our great example, and a great motivator to us in that area. Mo. Roach had a great love for the children. She teased them and loved them and was known for her powerful greeting, that firm pat on the back.

Mother Evelyn could be heard in the midst of prayer in the congregation crying out to the Lord and mourning on the behalf of the saints. *"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:" Jeremiah 9:17.* Mother Roach was truly one of those "mothers in Zion." She could be heard in the midst of the sanctuary singing those old anointed songs, such as *"If I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?" "Just Keep on Praying,"* and *"Mine, Mine, Mine, Jesus Is Mine"* just to name a few. There was also a particular Scripture Mother Roach would often quote, *"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity."* Psalms 37:1

Mother Roach had a great sense of humor. She was a loving and compassionate person. We will truly miss her down here, but our hearts rejoice in the fact that she has found peace and rest with the Savior.

*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."*

*I Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sis. Angela K. Gillispie, Church Secretary

Bishop Allen L. Roach, Pastor