

A tribute to the late **Mrs. Daisy Mae Elliott**

The late Mrs. Daisy Mae Elliott was a true humanitarian. Daisy was a woman who genuinely loved and cared about people; all people with no respect of color, race, disabilities, or sexual orientation. Both old and young would seek Daisy out for her prayers and Godly counsel.

Her loving, kind, generous, and nurturing character naturally drew people to her from various walks of life for a host of reasons. Some wanted to feel the warmth of her smile while providing the wisdom of life lessons coupled with her compassion and concern for their well-being. Others needed the warmth of a clean room and a good hearty meal. While others needed clothing and temporary housing for themselves and their children while fleeing abusive, and sometimes life threatening, domestic violence situations. She would take in street children who showed signs of abuse and neglect until she could find an adequate placement through social services or the homes of community members. In those days, people were more willing to take in the homeless and share whatever they had, even though they did not have a lot themselves. Most people had love and compassion for their fellow man.

Mrs. Elliott had a special longing in her heart to help women and children in crisis. Like others in her generation, her means were meager. But, that did not stop Miss Daisy, as she was affectionately called by those who knew and love her. Miss Daisy managed to feed the hungry and console the downhearted. Many were touched by Miss Daisy's love, compassion, generosity and ability to leave the people she came in contact with much better for having encountered her. Miss Daisy, whether on a crowded streetcar, on a busy Detroit street, or down in Black Bottom, always took the time to come to the aid of hurting or distressed individuals. Her legacy is extended through The Daisy House.

