

*A Celebration of Life for*



*Pastor*

*Irene Jennett (Dixon) Washington*

**Alpha**

November 10, 1926

**Omega**

December 24, 2012

## *Reflections of Life*

**Pastor Irene Jennett (Dixon) Washington** was born on November 10, 1926 in Tampa Florida, to the late Albert Dixon and Neacy Sanders.

She attended Everglade Vocational High School in Bellglade, Florida. She was joined in holy matrimony at a early age to the late Marcel C. Washington. She relocated to New Jersey in 1945 where she resided for sixty-three years. She worked outside the home for a number of years before retiring from Daughters of Miriam in Clifton, New Jersey. She spent her last four years of life as a resident of Florence, SC.

She joined the church at an early age. She began her Christian journey in 1947 at Macedonia Church of God in Christ under the direction of Elder Russell Logan. She was then elevated to Assistant Pastor at Pentecostal Prayer Center of Paterson, NJ under the leadership of Elder Bona Parks. In 1976, she was ordained to be a pastor by Bishop Mary Bailey. Also, she became the founder and overseer of the Hope of Glory Church of Christ through the shed blood of Jesus. She served as the pastor of the Hope of Glory for over thirty years before taking ill.

She was known and loved by many up and down the east coast. She was known by several nicknames: Peach by her family, Mother by friends and Grandma to all youth. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and Pastor and most of all for her loving smile and spirit.

She was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories two children: Desiree Washington of SC and Marcel Washington of PA; four grandchildren: Marcel Washington III, Liekita Washington, Kaity Washington and Lanana Washington; five great-grandchildren: D'Amani Washington, Ziyhon McLaurin, Zi'Nyah McLaurin, Mazir Washington and Dior Mason; one brother: Robert Simmons (Anita) of FL; one sister: Alnetta Jordan of FL. She also leaves to cherish her memories three spiritual daughters: Rev. Debra Williams and Rev. Andrea Alexander of Haledon, NJ and Mary Ann Gaiter of FL; two goddaughters: Claudia Barr-Berry of MD and Florence Drew of NJ, a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives, and the East 32nd Street family.

# Order of Service

## Service

Wednesday, January 2, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

### **GILMORE MEMORIAL LOOK AND LIVE MINISTRIES**

68 Bishop Clarence Gilmore Plaza (Haledon Ave) • Paterson, New Jersey

**Elder Patrick Farrar, Pastor**

Rev. Debra Williams, Presiding

Musical Prelude..... Melody of Hymns

Processional

Prayer/Invocation ..... Bishop Mary Bailey

Scriptures of Comfort:

Old Testament ..... Min. Shaun Slater

New Testament ..... Rev. Andrea Alexander

Song/Solo ..... Dorinda Hinton

Reflections of Love: (three minutes please) ... Church - Rev. Debra Slater  
Family - Marcell and Desiree Washington  
Friend

Song/Solo ..... Michael Willis

Acknowledgements

Poem ..... D'Amari Washington

Eulogy ..... Elder Patrick Farrar

Musical Selection ..... Melody of Hymns

Recessional

### **Interment**

Cedarlawn Cemetery

Paterson, New Jersey

“We Love You Momma”

To a loving mother you are missed so much. You are respected by many for your loving touch. There's not a person you didn't try to reach. We love you mother our loving Peach. You never kept secrets you were always real; you can never imagine the love we feel. We know you're in heaven smiling down; the angels rejoicing dancing around. Momma what can we do in a world without you? Momma we miss you guiding us through. Your spirit was released and is gone you're in the arms of Jesus where you belong. Momma do you see all these people the impact you have made we all wish Jesus would raise you from the grave. He will do so in his time so rest in peace. We all miss you as you sleep. No more tears, no more pain, only laughter, joy, sunshine and love to gain. Mother we know that you are with us inside our hearts. You are here and will never depart. WE LOVE YOU Momma!

Love,  
Your children

“Grandmother we love you”

The hardest thing to do is to say goodbye. The worst thing to do is say goodbye to someone you love. You wonder will you ever see them again. When will you see them again? How you're going to see them again? Life's too short to take the people you love for granted better off loving them to your best advantage. Death isn't all bad. No more pain, no more suffering, no more waiting for it all to be over with. You may not be here physically but in our hearts you will forever be. So there is no more crying because you're not here anymore. You're with GOD watching over us making sure we don't take any hard falls. So we love you forever and ever and will see you again. Your our grandmother and our best friend.

Love,  
Your grandchildren

*In Appreciation*

The family of the late **Rev. Irene (Dixon) Washington** acknowledges with grateful appreciation every expression of loving kindness shown to us during this time when we needed you most. Your encouraging words have been extremely comforting during this time of transition.

THANK YOU!

May you continue in the blessing of our God.  
~The Family~

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