

In Loving Memory of
Doretha Muns

Sunrise
August 22, 1926

Sunset
August 31, 2011



Service

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

MADISON AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1723 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Rev. Ebenezer Adukho, Officiating

Obituary

Doretha Aluns was born in Springhills, North Carolina on August 22, 1926. She was the youngest of three children born to Henry and Lou McPhatter. Her two older brothers were Roscoe and Clarence McPhatter.

Doretha Aluns was a founding member of the English-Speaking Congregation of Jefferson Park Parish (Methodist) in 1961. She was a key leader in the new congregation and served as chair of the Official Board and President of United Methodist Women, she brought her children Audrey, Mack Jr., Lois and Roscoe into the church. With Mrs. Helen Love, she lead the Sunday School and was a faithful teacher. President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty included a new program to provide free pre-k programs nationwide, called Operation Head Start. Doretha was chosen as a leader in one of the first Headstart Programs in New York City and worked in the program for several years. She was a no-nonsense Christian and a great support to her first pastor, Rev. John Collins. She organized a banquet and wedding for Rev. Collins in four days.

When Jefferson Park Parish was merged with the Taft Houses Methodist Church to form the Madison Avenue United Methodist Church, Doretha and her family became the leaders in the new merged congregation. Her daughter, Audrey and son, Mack, Jr. became key leaders as well. Doretha remained a leader in the church for over forty years until illness prevented her from active involvement. She certainly was welcomed into heaven with the biblical commendation "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter now into the joy of your Master."

Doretha leaves behind to cherish her loving memories: her sons, Mack, Jr. and Roscoe Aluns; daughter, Audrey Wilson; grandchildren, James Wilson III, Leticia Hooks, Jonathan Aluns, Michael Aluns and Ian Aluns; great grandchildren, LaNeyce Jarrette, Alliyah Wilson, Zariel Hooks and Andre Wilson; nephews, Gerard Gillian and Allison McPhatter; nieces, Mae Doris Creque and Blanche McPhatter; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn #369 “Blessed Assurance”

Words of Grace

Greetings

Prayer

Hymn #377 “It Is Well”

Scripture Isaiah 40:1-8
Psalm 23

Solo

Remembrances

Obituary

Solo

Eulogy

Hymn #701 “When We All Get To Heaven”

Benediction

Interment
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Come To Me

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Come to me"
The days of toil and nights of pain
The weary hours have passed
The patient gentle worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
Day and night we stood by her
And saw her in pain,
Anxiously awaiting her cure
But our waiting was in vain.
God who knoweth all things best
Eased her suffering, gave her rest
She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will our memories fade
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger
Round the place where she rests.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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