

*In Loving Memory of*



*Albertina Florence Washington*

**Sunrise**  
*May 9, 1925*

**Sunset**  
*October 2, 2011*

Saturday, October 8, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen St. • Newark, NJ

*Reverend Shirley Harris, Officiating*  
*Mark Turner, Organist*

## Obituary

**Albertina Florence Willis Washington** was born in Newark, NJ May 9, 1925 to Albertina Abbott Willis and John Randolph Willis she was the youngest sister of Wilma Jackson, Frances A. Willis, George O. Willis and Richard Willis. She married Donald Calvin Washington on June 21, 1957. She was the mother of Lynne Albertina Davis, Neil Albert Washington, and Merle Ruth Washington. She was also the grandmother to Monique Renee Williams.

Albertina, sometimes called Al, Albo, or Tina, while growing up as a tom boy in Newark was a fast mover. She ran everywhere she had to go and challenged her big brothers all the time. She followed her passion of running track and field for West Side High School, and told us many stories of winning medals in the Newark Stadium. As she started to mature, she focused on fashion design. Albertina always had an eye for fashion, and showed the school community what she could do with a piece of fabric and thread. She won a fashion design contest for an orange/grey hound tooth swing coat that was put on display in the Newark Museum.

Upon graduating from WestSide High she worked for Bamberger's Department store. Knowing that her talents could be better used on the fashion floor instead of cleaning out the fish counter, she attempted to do just that and ended up FIRED. Her performing artist brother, George, introduced her to the world of dance. She took African interpretive dance lessons at Katherine Dunham's New York dance studio where she met Dorothy Dandridge and Eartha Kitt. Albertina danced in the renowned production of Carmen Jones and also performed at the United Nations representing the African nations. After finishing, her dancing career, she married and had her three children, but she was a mother to all the neighborhood children with the gift to listen, inspire and motivate everyone that came in touch with her.

# Order of Service

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Processional

Hymn ..... "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort ..... Joanne Lee

Selection ..... "I Won't Complain"  
Bobbi McCoy & Jodie Campbell

Acknowledgement/Resolutions

Spiritual African Dance

Obituary ..... Loretta Bailey

Selection..... "Amazing Grace"  
Bobbi McCoy & Jodie Campbell

A Tribute To Our Mother ..... Lynne A. Davis

Eulogy..... Reverend Shirley Harris

Recessional

<p><b>Entombment</b> Woodbridge Memorial Gardens Woodbridge, New Jersey</p>
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## ***Footprints***

*One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life.*

*For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.*

*This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."*

*The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

## **A Family Tribute**

In tears we saw you sinking, and watched you fade away.

Our hearts were almost breaking, we wanted you to stay

But when we saw you sleeping, so peaceful and free from pain

How could we wish you back, to suffer that again?

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

## **Appreciation**

*The family will always remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages, and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you, and may God bless you.*

## **~ The Family ~**

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