

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you. My loved ones, oh so dear. But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear! I had made my reservation A heaven bound ticket for one, And I knew that He would call me When He felt my work was done. I know that your hearts are heavy Because I have gone away, But when the Master called me. I knew that I could not stay. Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you My loved ones, oh so dear, But, you see, the Master called me And, now I'm resting here. Yes, I've crossed on over to glory And to you all I say Just stay in the hands of Jesus And we'll meet again someday. -Author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat guietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving Memory of

Brenda Lorraine Dodd

Sunrise

Sunset

February 9, 1950

March 5, 2012

Funeral Service Monday, March 12, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH

269 Camden Street Newark, New Jersey 973-624-1902

Order of Service

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"
Scripture Reading Old Testament - Ecclesiastics 12 Minister Mary E. Simonson New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-54Deacon Elijah Thomas
Prayer of Comfort Pastor Shirley Williams
Solo Sister Danita Williams Resurrection Temple Newark, NJ
Acknowledgements/Obituary Evangelist G. Paige
Remarks/Reflections (Limit 2 minutes each)
Poem
Solo
Eulogy James P. Paige
Recessional

<u>Interment</u> Evergreen Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

Life Reflections

Brenda Lorraine Dodd was born on February 9, 1950, to Bertha Leola Diggs. She departed this life on March 5, 2012 at St. Michael's Medical Center.

Brenda was educated in the Newark school system; she also graduated from Essex County College.

Brenda was a loving mother, sister and friend. She was very kind hearted. We will miss her dearly. She was a very faithful and active member of Evangelical Reform Baptist Church in Newark, NJ for many years until her death.

Preceded in death is her mother, Bertha Leola Diggs, daughter, Leola Lisa Miser, husband, Robert Lee Dodd Sr. (Bob), two brothers, Arthur and Leonard Colson and one sister, Rosella Diggs.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Joel Dixon and her two daughters, Lizzie Dixon and Catherine Dixon-Kelly, son-in-law, Steven Miser, five stepchildren, Robert Lee (Bobby) Dodd Jr., Larry Dodd (Janet), Pastor Shirley Ann Williams (Howard), Sharon Dodd-Johnson (David), and Betty Dodd-Meadows (James); two uncles, Wilbur S. Dixon and Robert George Dixon; special cousins, Richard and Diana Christmas, sister-in-law, Shirley Dixon. Brenda also has thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She also had a special place in her heart for Eunique Blackwell and Zion Dodd.

She also cherish her special moments and memories with her sisters, Gail Parks, Sharmon Colson, Denise Hall and Yvonne Diggs; her brothers, Albert, Richard and Terrance Diggs; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. If anyone was missed please take it out of love in this difficult time.

To my very special grand-daughter Stephanie Patrice Miser who was there for me from the beginning to the end, GOD BLESS!

A Thank You

I want to thank you all my family and friends for being here today for my earth departure. You may think I'm a no-show, but that's not true. I'm here there and everywhere you turn. Oh, if you can see me now. I know you'd love to be in my shoes oops.... I forgot up here where the streets are paved in GOLD you don't need shoes. Please don't fret because I'm in a better place than you are, Guess what? I am going for flying lessons, I earned my wings, and Lord knows I truly earned them! I am so happy in my new home. God has a mansion so big you can't even count the rooms. We'll meet up again soon Thanks for loving and caring for me when I was on earth. I miss you all but its only temporary....

Remember I can't CROWN JESUS till YOU get HERE.

-author unknown

Sincerely, Brenda Dodd