



*Homegoing Service
and Celebration
of Life
for*

Doret Islin Dixon

Sunrise
August 18, 1935

Sunset
August 9, 2012

Service
Friday, August 17, 2012
Viewing from 9 - 10 a.m.
Funeral at 10:00 a.m.

HOLLIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
100-50 196th Street
Hollis, New York 11423

Rev. Dr. Mark L. Chapman, Pastor

Obituary



Doret Islin Dixon is the last of five children born in Ramble St. James Parish, Jamaica West Indies to the late James T. Campbell, a police officer and his wife Catherine. She attended Mount Ward Primary School. As devout members of the Mount Ward Methodist Church, Doret's parents exposed her to every aspect of church life. Her interaction with the Sunday School and various other youth organizations, inspired her to become a teacher. She attended the Bethlehem Moravian Teachers' College where she graduated as an elementary school teacher. Following her graduation she met and married Davis Dixon in 1962. The union produced three children, Garcia, Colin and Fitzroy.

In 1967, after teaching in the parishes of Westmoreland, Hanover and St. James, Doret and her family migrated to Canada. There she worked as a Recreational Therapist and as a substitute teacher with the Toronto Board of Education. In 1970, the family moved to New York and she made a career change accepting a position as an assistant editor with Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich Inc. When the company relocated to Florida, she subsequently became employed with the RR Bowker Company in New Jersey, remaining there as Senior Editor until her retirement ten years later.

Doret was a highly motivated individual. She earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management while still working full time.

As a dedicated Christian, she devoted her life to the Lord's work. She was a member of Hollis Presbyterian Church for over twenty years and served as a Deacon, an Elder, Chair of Worship and actively participated in numerous ministries in the church.

In 2009, Doret and her sister Eltis moved to Maryland to live with her daughter Garcia Buckley, son-in-law David and grandson Nicholas. There she attended Calvary Gospel Church in Waldorf, Maryland. In 2010 she and her sister Eltis became active members of the JayCee's Senior Center. She enjoyed all the activities that the Senior Center provided, especially Bingo and the weekly bible study. She loved sharing her stories about Hollis Presbyterian Church with her new friends at the center. Going to the Senior Center became the highlight of her day!

To cherish her memories, Doret leaves sisters Myrtle, Eileen and brother James (Boyie) and her sister-in-law Delrose, her children Garcia, Colin, Fitzroy and stepson Michael, son-in-law David, grandchildren Daniel, Danielle, Nicholas, Courtney, Kiya, Jamaya and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." **Revelation 21:4**

Order of Service

Prelude	Largo in G, Handel
Processional	
Prayer of Invocation	Rev. Mark L. Chapman
Opening Hymn	“How Great Thou Art” Hymn #4
Resolution	Elder Vivian Solomon, Clerk of Session
Obituary	Lisa Charles-Jordan
Dance Ministry	“Only God Can Heal” Janet Greaves, Niece
Scripture Readings	
Roman 8, 26-38	Daniel Dixon
Psalms 8	Danielle Dixon.
Music Ministry	“If I Can Help Somebody” Ralph Roundtree, Soloist
A Son’s Dedication	Colin Dixon Fitzroy Dixon
Reflections	Desiree Blair HPC Members
Congregational Hymn	“It Is Well” Hymn # 493
Eulogy	Rev. Mark L. Chapman
Prayer of Comfort	
Benediction	
Recessional Hymn	“Marching To Zion” Hymn # 555

Interment

Nassau Knolls Cemetery
Port Washington, New York

Tribute to My Mother Doret I. Dixon who went on to be with the Lord.
May Her Beautiful Soul rest in Peace.

Written to highlight the journey from the eyes and heart of Her son
Fitzroy E. Dixon

“A Prayer for Mama” - for fighting a good fight.

Father! If pain had a face then a smile would be hesitant to pay a visit. Joy and laughter would be stifled to a gentle sigh. Your face would become dampened by trickling tears; your heart would beat to the baritone sounds of moaning; your love-ones see the pain on your face and render a remedy of prayer, which you did embrace.

O'Lord! I love my Mother, O' I pray it's only for a while; for if this way that She might find the strength-then I know for certain it is You O'Lord we should call upon when pain decides to pay a visit. So pray on FAMILY! And stay STRONG.

“Today I'll Celebrate”

Today I'll celebrate because my yesterdays are gone. I celebrate today because the good times will come anew, bringing with it healing, mending and lessons well learned. Today I'll celebrate because my children are loved. I'll celebrate today because I'm spiritually afresh. I'll celebrate today because my mother and father has been blessed to see their children's children. Today I'll celebrate because my sister and brothers have kept the stride. Yes! Today I'll celebrate because my yesterday friends are my destiny cornerstones. I'll celebrate today because my yesterday decisions are my today results; and if tomorrow never comes my celebrating will not be in vain. Today! I shall indeed continue to celebrate and I will celebrate today because I'm Alive! With the Spirit of Joy, Laughter and Kindness which has been passed on to me by My Dear Mother Doret Dixon. Carry on My Family! Carry On!!

Reflections of My Mother- Doret Dixon

Lord! I love my Mama dearly, clearly words alone would never suffice. She taught me how in life to stand for something, for if we don't stand for something, we will fall for anything. She also taught me how to maintain my self-respect; when making imperfect decisions along life's sometimes challenging road, without being judgemental; She'd simply say “My wash-belly! Hold your head up high, for every mistake there's a lesson to be embraced.”

Mama! You always showed me love and kindness with genuine charisma. And the birthdays O' no! Never once left uncelebrated. There's no ending for my appreciation for you, so these sincere thoughts will have to do, gone you are to a better place We know! Heaven Bound for all the LOVE you've shown.

Thank you Lord! For you have blessed my Mother without void- the blessing of seeing and embracing her children's children.

May Mama's legacy continue to be kept alive and her beautiful memories continue to be told.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all the love and concern shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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