## In Loving Memory of



Sunrise October 15, 1946 Sunset September 6, 2012

<u>Service</u> Thursday, September 13, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

111 Perry Street Trenton, New Jersey 08618

<u>Obituary</u>

**Dora B. Leonard,** age sixty-five, entered into GOD'S loving arms on Thursday, September 6th 2012 at Lourdes Specialty Hospital of Southern, NJ. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Dora had touched in a nurturing way throughout her very memorable life.

Dora was born October 15, 1946, in Trenton, NJ, to the late Clyde and Queen V. (Edgerton) Leonard. Subsequently, being educated in Trenton's historical city—TRENTON MAKES THE WORLD TAKES and its public school system.

Dora's life would seem sudden to many, but those who were touched by her understood that the quality of her existence is what truly defined her life—A FORESTER. Her gentle smile and caring heart brought sustenance to our family.

Dora gave us all such empathy and adoration and reminded us of the preciousness of life. Her strength was guided by the cultivation and love she offered to her grandchildren. She would neglect herself for the care she offered others. Dora enjoyed music and reading her Bible.

Dora was preceded in death by three brothers: James C., Percy W. and John M. Leonard and one sister, Willie B. Johnson.

Dora leaves to mourn in her passing and to cherish her precious memories: four children and their spouses: Maurice and Carmen Leonard, Tommy and Darlene Jackson, Angela and Brian Leonard of Trenton, NJ and Eric Leonard and Hanifah Shakir of Smyrna, DE; twenty-nine grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, four brothers and their spouses: Jimmy and Delores Leonard, Joseph Leonard of Trenton, NJ, William Leonard of Baltimore, MD, Alvin and Ruth Leonard of Panama City, FL; six sisters, Rita Dawkins, Annie Billups, Martha Washington, Burnell and Ellen Roberts of Trenton, NJ, Claude and Elizabeth Watson of Hamilton TWP, NJ, Sallie Green of Morrisville, PA; sister-in-law, Elaine Leonard of Bronx, NY; two aunts, Lucy Hawkins of Louisburg, NC, and Elizabeth Edgerton of Bronx, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

> In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Who Cares About Us? INC 231 S DuPont BLVD Smyrna, DE 19977

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional Clergy/Family (Music)
Opening Hymn Choir and Congregation "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
Scripture Reading Minister Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - St. John 14:1-7
Prayer of Comfort Minister
Solo "My Soul Has Been Anchored" Greg Clark
Acknowledgements of Cards Telegrams & Resolution Patricia Ross
Church Condolence Church Clerk
Reflections/ Remarks Eric Leonard (son)
Reading of Obituary Silent
Selection Choir
Eulogy Pastor John R. Taylor Friendship Baptist Church

Recessional

## **Interment**

Ewing Cemetery Ewing Township, New Jersey (Please keep car headlights on while traveling in the procession to the cemetery)

Family and friends are invited to return to the church for repast immediately following interment

Pallbearers Nephews

Flower Bearers Nieces

Aid to the Family Nurses' Ministry

## A Granddaughter's Sorrow

My heart never felt so much pain The sky formed clouds that produced lots of rain I thought my life was coming to an end All I know is I will never give in You were the reason I became who I am You hold my life in the palm of your hand You showed me right from wrong But, the day you died, everything went wrong You knew me, oh so well The day you died my heart fell I will never forget you until I die Maybe someday we will meet up in the sky I know the lord took you because it was time But I wish I could have said the right goodbye I think of you from day to day Wondering what you would think of me today

-Keirstin Wiggins

## Acknowledgements

In appreciation, the family acknowledges with sincere thanks, the comforting personal and tangible expression of sympathy and concern during the illness and passing of our Beloved **Sister Dora Leonard**. Each act was received as an expression of God's Love expressed thru you and we pray that God will bless you continually.

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