

*Celebrating the Life
Of*

Darlene Idella Latham

"Aunt Dell"

Sunrise

March 21, 1945

Sunset

November 13, 2014



Service

Friday, November 21, 2014 ~ 11:00 am

First Baptist Church

929 Dill Avenue

Linden, New Jersey 07036

Rev. Derrick R. Dumas, Pastor

Life Reflections

Darlene Idella Latham was born on March 21, 1945 in Freedom, Pennsylvania. She was the sixth child of the late John W. and Fannie A. Latham. Darlene attended and graduated from Freedom Area High School in 1963.

She then moved to New York where she worked for Macys. In that same year, she moved to Linden, New Jersey to help her brother, the late John “Pop-Pop” W. Latham, Jr. raise his two children. Darlene became a Homemaker and also a Caregiver for the children in the neighborhood.

From 1988 to 1993, she worked for School Number One and also J & J Transportation in Linden, New Jersey.

“Aunt Doll,” as she was affectionately called by her family, hobbies were the love of sewing, singing, roller skating and she was a prestigious cook.

Darlene answered the Master’s call on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the age of 69.

Darlene’s predeceased siblings are Gaye Latham, Althea Gibson, Thomas Latham, John W. Latham, Jr., and one niece, Perette G. Williamson.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Toni C. Gullette-Rose (Marcel) of Linden, New Jersey; a special niece, Chanté C. Williamson, Tiffany Leak of Elizabeth, New Jersey; nephew, Jerell K. Latham (Michian) of Maryland; sister, Shirley Smith (Willie) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother, Gerald Latham (Donna) of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania; 6 grandchildren: Tylik, Je Quay, Jakiya, Al’Traray, Miya and Mikayla; niece, Kimberly M. Bell (Corey) of Wharton, New Jersey; nephew, Kenneth Gibson of Beaverfalls, Pennsylvania, 4 godchildren: Michele (Shell) Green, Bernard Henderson, Tina Tapia and Gillian Riley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, 6 special friends: Dottie Riley, Ruth Clusman, Norma White, Linda Henderson, (predeceased) Isadelle Riley and Gloria Matthews.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament: 23rd Psalm

New Testament: John 3:16

Prayer of Comfort

Words of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Reading of the Obituary

Solo

Michele Green

Ministry of Comfort

Rev. Derrick R. Dumas, Pastor

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

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Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Darlene “Aunt Doll” Idella Latham**

Phenomenal Woman

by Maya Angelou

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them, They think I'm telling lies.
I say, It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips, The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips. I'm a woman
Phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, That's me.

I walk into a room Just as cool as you please,
And to a man, The fellows stand or Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me, A hive of honey bees. I say,
It's the fire in my eyes, And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist, And the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, That's me.

Men themselves have wondered What they see in me.
They try so much But they can't touch My inner mystery.
When I try to show them, They say they still can't see.
I say, It's in the arch of my back, The sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts, The grace of my style.
I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, That's me.

Now you understand Just why my head's not bowed.
I don't shout or jump about Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing, It ought to make you proud.
I say, It's in the click of my heels, The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand, The need for my care.
'Cause I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, That's me.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Darlene “Aunt Doll” Idella Latham** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.
May God continue to richly bless you.

