

In Loving Memory of
Dorothy Andrews

Sunrise
March 6, 1922

Sunset
May 31, 2015



Service

Friday, June 5, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating
Bobby Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Dorothy Mae Andrews was born March 6, 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia. (She would have a fit being referred to as Dorothy Mae, and subject to using harsh words as such "got darn it the devil call me Dorothy or Dotty, but please cancel the Mae.") Dorothy was more commonly referred to as "Mama" by most. She migrated north to Hackensack, New Jersey at the age of eight under the guidance of her parents, Betty and Jack Williams. Mama grew up in Hackensack and obtained an education through out the New Jersey public school system.

As a young adult, Mama entered into the working world and became a seamstress. This was during the time of World War II and Mama also got involved with Peacework. She was an extremely caring, giving and nurturing humanitarian. She received pleasure from giving and helping others. Most of us give to receive, Mama gave to enhance mankind, that is no exaggeration, the vast majority of the people sitting here in this chapel can attest to that fact. Mama was an extremely rich woman, not rich by the traditional defining of wealthy, but an abundance of wealth in terms of love, sacrifice, knowledge and wisdom, that she so unselfishly shared with all those receptive to accept it.

This beautiful black woman lived a long and fulfilled life. At 93, Mama refused to completely give up her independence, she would still make her bed in the mornings and most importantly, she would faithfully continue to kneel and pray every morning. It was mandatory to Mama to pray for each and every one of her remaining six children, thirteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Mama was deeply loved by all of her children, grands and great grands. You all showed and expressed your love for Mama in your own special way. As Mama's oldest daughter, Laura, I sincerely thank all my family and friends for attributing towards Mama's long life, and remember her transition was smooth, we did not have to watch her suffer and most importantly, she did not suffer. So let's dry those eyes and hope when it is our time to go home we be as lucky as Mama. We all love you Mama!

Mama has once again come together with her beloved Ernest, sister, Marion, brother, Lorenzo and best friend, Nettie. Mama gave birth to eight children, and now has been reunited with two, Milton and Clarence. The six that remains here to celebrate her long life are: Algiers, Laura, Howard, Deborah, Leoris and Ernest; her grandchildren, Wayne, Dwayne, Melissa, Darryl, Naheem, Haseem, Shameka, Howard Jr., Ebony, Ernest Jr. Donald, Anthony, and Tonya; Mama's great grands, Jamal, Javon, Jemela, N'Dea Zaire, Ali, Donyea, and Demi; significant in-laws, Michael, Rosa, Walter, and Bahija; three adopted daughters, Camencita, Jackie and Leona; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

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Prayer

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Obituary

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, 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!*

-author unknown

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*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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