

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Dorothy Ernestine Jackson's** sunrise was December 2, 1929, the third of six children born to John Thomas Jackson (from Junction City, Georgia) and Ollie Mae Barefield (from Aiken, South Carolina) who met one another when they both moved north to Philadelphia, PA to find a better life and more opportunities. After a short stay in Philadelphia, her parents moved to the Bronx in New York and also lived in Harlem up over the noteworthy Cotton Club.

In New York, Dorothy attended PS 101 Elementary, PS 55 Junior High School and finally graduated from William H. Taft High School. After high school, she worked briefly before meeting Gerald Joseph Arroyo. Dorothy's older sister, Carrie Belle Jackson was dating and later married Gerald's older brother Erwin (Buster) Arroyo. Dorothy and Gerald (Jerry) dated until they married on November 18, 1948. Born to them were 5 healthy children, Eric Christopher, Gerald Joseph, Jr., Taryn Catherine, Victor Earl and Michael Mark. She was an extremely loving mother (sister, aunt, friend) who raised her children while working full-time for Charles R Bruning Co. in lower Manhattan for many years. She also worked seasonally for the NYS Voting Polls and Registration. She enjoyed cooking, baking, knitting, crocheting, and crosswords puzzles.

She attended and was a loyal member of Faith Mission Christian Fellowship for many years and became very active in this church. In later years, she moved her membership closer to her home at Christian Faith Fellowship Family Church in Middletown, NY until her sunset on July 6, 2015.

Dorothy is survived by her only daughter Taryn, youngest two sons, Victor (wife, Gerda Patrice), with whom she resided in Newburgh, NY; and Michael (wife, Laverna). She also leaves missing her, 10 grandchildren, Eric Christopher, Eblijah, Amir, Taryn, Candice, Dominique, Victor, Jr., Gerald, Daniel, and Isaac; Six great-grandchildren, Chris, Sky, Stephanie, Cadence, Summer and Lonnie; Her three loving sisters survive her to mourn her sunset. They are Carrie, Shirley and Gloria; as well as a host of wonderful nieces and nephews whom Dorothy loved dearly. She was preceded in passing by her husband, Gerald Joseph, Sr., and two of her elder sons, Eric Christopher, Sr. (wife, Linda) and Gerald Joseph, Jr. (wife, Denise).

## Order of Service

## Musical Prelude

The Recessional

Processional	""I Give Myself Away"
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Kerry A. Gulston
	Aisha Benson Pastor Edward Benson
Solo	"Soon And Very Soon" (Organist)
Remarks	Min. Barbara Graves
Poem	Min. Lisa Williams
Solo	. "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" (Organist)
Remarks	Friends and Family (2 minutes each)
Obituary	David Matthews (Soft Music)
Acknowledgements	
Solo	"Because He Lives" Daisy Blue
Eulogy	Bishop Kerry A. Gulston

<u>Interment</u>

Mount Rest Cemetery Butler, New Jersey



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She

riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to

the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her

household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

## Acknowledgement

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