

In Loving Memory of
Dulcie Patricia Amsterdam

Sunrise
November 6, 1950

Sunset
October 29, 2015



Viewing: Friday, November 6, 2015 - 5-7:00 p.m.

Wake Service: 7:00 p.m.

Service: Saturday, November 7, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE OF FLATBUSH
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Eulogy

Dulcie Patricia Amsterdam was born in Sisters Village, West Bank Demerara, Guyana on November 6th, 1950 to Ethellene and Roseman Joseph.

She attended Central High School and East Ruimveldt Secondary School where she successfully completed the GCE O'Level exams.

Dulcie started her career as a school teacher at Supply Government School and subsequently became a public servant. In this capacity, she served various Government Departments over the years. She later joined the Guyana Airways Corporation and served for several years before migrating.

In 1982, Dulcie migrated to the United States to begin a new chapter in her life. She realized that leaving her relatives to start this new phase would be a major adjustment, but also recognized that she could take advantage of the opportunity to pursue her dreams. She started to work and attend classes to equip herself with the skills required to become her best self.

Dulcie worked for Continental Insurance Company and American International Group, Inc. (AIG) for over thirty years combined. She was later employed with Barclays Center as one of their first employees in 2012 until her illness.

She enjoyed all she did and was very determined to share her blessings and accomplishments with her loved ones. This was evident in the way anyone could call upon her at anytime and be sure to have a tasty meal and place to stay. Her home was seen to everyone as 'Headquarters'. It was a place where no one could possibly have an empty stomach (except when they were on a fast).

Dulcie had many hobbies such as reading and traveling but most of all enjoyed cooking and baking. She knew what everyone's favorite dish was and always made sure it was prepared when they visited. She will be greatly missed for all she did. Celebration of holidays, birthdays and special occasions will not be the same because of the void that her passing has created. She was the driving force behind all family events and will greatly be missed. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the part she played to ensure that our lives were made richer because of hers. For that, we say 'Thank You'. To God Almighty we give Thanks and Praise and Glory and Honor!

Dulcie was a God-fearing woman who knew the Lord. While she was hospitalized and was visited by her nephew, Khalil Amsterdam, she told him that God has a plan for her and she would be okay. God saw she was getting weary and took her in His arms.

Dulcie leaves to cherish her memory: her mother, Ethellene; brothers, Lancelot, Winston, Grafton and Alvin; sisters, Dorette and Roxane; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, uncle, nephews and great nephews, nieces and great nieces, cousins and a host of cherished friends from childhood to adulthood.

In Dulcie's words.... "I'll see you when I see you."

Order of Service

Reception of the Body

Opening Sentences BCP pg. 491

Hymn “When Peace Like A River” *Hymnal 1982* 188

Collect BCP pg. 492

The First Reading - Isaiah 61:1-3 Brenda Griffith

Psalm 46 BCP pg. 649

The Second Reading - Romans 8:34-39 Khalil Amsterdam

Hymn “O God, our help in ages past” *Hymnal 1982* pg. 680

The Gospel - John 11:21-27 The Rev. Sheldon N.N. Hamblin

Homily

The Apostle’s Creed BCP pg. 496

Intercession BCP pg. 497

Peace

Soloist Minister Ayanna Brooker

Hymn “We’ll Understand It Better Bye and Bye” LEVAS II 207

The Eucharist BCP pg. 361

Communion Hymn “For All The Saints” LEVAS II 287

The Commendation BCP pg. 499

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er” *Hymnal 1982* 208









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!

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