

*In Loving Memory*

*of*

*Doris Jean Drake*

**Sunrise**

November 13, 1936

**Sunset**

December 1, 2015



*Tuesday, December 7, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**ST. JAMES AME CHURCH**

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# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary



**Doris Jean Faucette Drake** was the oldest child of Alexander and Eloise Faucette. She was born on November 13, 1936, in Greensboro, North Carolina, and departed this life on December 1, 2015.

Doris grew up in Greensboro and attended public schools there. She was an active youth member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Doris graduated from Dudley High School, completed a college preparatory program and attended Howard University, Washington, D.C. After returning to Greensboro, she married Ernest Ashley. The couple relocated to Newark, New Jersey, and had two children, Ernest III and Renita. A second marriage to Wilbur Drake produced a set of fraternal twins, Keith and Keisha.

Doris was an avid reader who began most days reading complete editions of local newspapers and if you hadn't read the news she would gladly fill you in.

Ever studious, she enjoyed languages, studied Latin and spoke French. She also was a great cook — among her family's best — who closely guarded her recipes, promising but rarely delivering detail on all her secret ingredients. As a member of St. James A.M.E. Church, she assisted Nettie McKinnon in the Kitchen Ministry for many years, having honed her skills in her parents' restaurant during her youth. Doris worked in a number of retail and social services positions in New Jersey over the years. She lived in East Orange, and retired from Essex County Youth House in 2002. She was a union representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and also was a member of Eastern Star.

Her favorite scripture was Isaiah 54: 17: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the Lord."

Doris was preceded in death by her parents Alexander and Eloise, husband Wilbur Drake, brother Rev. Alexander Faucette, and sister Helen Faucette.

Left to mourn her passing are: her children, Ernest Ashley III; Renita Cook (Brian); Keith Drake; Keisha Drake; brother Amos Faucette (Katie); sisters, Jeanette Faucette Brummell and Joyce Faucette Farmer (Kent); sister-in-law, Shirley Drake; Aunt Mary McDaniel; grandchildren Ryan and Renisha Cook, Ali Bey Drake and Keith H. Drake, Jr.; great grandchildren Ryan Cook, Jordan Cook, Nathaniel Cook, Nyla Cook and Ethan Elmera; nephews, Anthony Faucette (Nadia) and Amos Faucette; Benjamin Faucette (Gayle), niece Alea Brummell Riley (Lawrence Jr.), numerous other cousins, relatives and friends.



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# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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