



Home-going Services for

Doris Elizabeth Nicholson

Sunrise
February 8, 1942

Sunset
January 17, 2016

Service
Friday, January 22, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church

142 Maple Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108

Reverend Lloyd Terrell, Senior Pastor Officiating

Obituary

Doris Elizabeth Bassfield was born in Richmond, Virginia on February 8, 1942, the oldest of two siblings to Anna Bassfield. She was later raised by Annie Long during her formative years in Richmond. In her early years she was interested in becoming a nurse but later decided to become a teacher. Her passion for education was supported by individuals who recognized her drive and intelligence. She received a scholarship offer to go to college which supported her future career achievements. She obtained an Associates Degree from Kittrell College in Kittrell, NC and a Bachelor of Art's from St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA.

Upon moving from Virginia to New Jersey she became a certified reading teacher and later a math specialist. While working full time for the Newark Board of Education and raising her family, she also received a Master of Arts from Kean University, Union, NJ. She taught for over 38 years in Newark Public School System. She retired in 2003 but remained active in education and with many other affiliations.

She was the founder of Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Club; a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; National Association of Colored Women's Club, Lions Club Secretary; United Women's federation Woman of the Year recipient; Newark Teacher's Union Retiree Chapter; Hillside Welfare Board; Hillside League of Woman Voter's; Essex County Retired Educator's; Montclair AARP and an active member of Franklin St. John's.

She is survived by her ex-husband, Elijah Nicholson; son, Michael Nicholson; daughter, Anita Nicholson; daughter-in-law, Sharon Nicholson; grandson, Solomon Nicholson; and granddaughter, Selah Nicholson; as well as a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Schedule of Events

- 4:00-6:00** Wake (open casket)
6:00-6:30 *Sigma Gamma Rho Memorial for Doris Nicholson*
6:30-7:00 *Lion's Club Dedication to Doris Nicholson*
7:00-8:30 Funeral (Home-going) Service

Please turn all cell phones off during service

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....“*Order My Steps*” - Clergy, Family and Friends

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Lloyd Terrell

Hymn of Comfort “*Amazing Grace*” - Jalyn Johnson

Literary Readings ... Mother to Son/ Footprints - Anita Nicholson

Hymn of Comfort “*Precious Lord*” - Paul Knox/Emory Lee

Obituary Reading Reverend Wright

Proclamations\Resolutions

Scripture Reading - Psalm 23Jackie Johnson

Eulogy..... Reverend Terrell

Family Remarks.....Michael Nicholson

Hymn.....“*It Is Well*” - Paul Knox/Emory

Recessional

Repast

Immediately following the completion of the funeral service

Everyone can remain at

Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church.

Mother to Son Poem

Langston Hughes'

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor --Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now --
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

Pall Bearers

Hillside Residents

Acknowledgement

Your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated
than words can ever express.

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A Memorial Website, www.DorisMemorial.com,

will be made available on her birthdate 2/8. Password: dorislives

