

*Celebration of Life*  
*Deaconess Dorothy Lea Hairston*

*Sunrise*  
July 22, 1934

*Sunset*  
February 14, 2016



*Wake: Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.*  
*Funeral Service: Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

**MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
112-42 Springfield Blvd. • Queens Village, New York 11429

## Obituary

**Dorothy Lea Hairston** was born to the late Samuel and Adeline Hairston in Danville, Virginia. She was the eldest of six siblings. She was a protector and assisted with raising her brothers and sisters. She accepted Christ at Jones Chapel Baptist Church. She attended segregated schools in Danville, Virginia. Upon graduation at 16, she departed for the North to seek opportunity. While working in Connecticut as a sleep-in, she lived in the Bronx with her Aunt Rose and Uncle Buster.

Her mom and siblings eventually moved to New York and settled in Brooklyn. She dated and married Joe Irvan Hariston in 1961. They lived in Brooklyn in a furnished apartment during their honeymoon year. In 1962, Joel Lamont Hairston (son) was born. Then onto Kingston Avenue, where lifelong friendships were established with John and Susie Taylor and Deloris and Lincoln Lewis. Dot and Joe were gracious and adopted Dejuan (daughter) when she was six months old in 1969. In 1971, they moved St. Albans, NY.

Formerly employed at AT&T, she retired from Off Track Betting in 1995 after twenty-five years of service. She was a member of Twin Stars Social Club on Francis Lewis Boulevard. The club consisted of five married couples. The clubs hosted events, dances, bus rides, and trips.

She was also a member of NYC Chapter of the National Hairston Clan. She joined New Covenant Baptist Church and attended regularly. She then joined Maranatha Baptist Church on January 3, 1988 where she served tirelessly as a Deaconess.

She leaves to cherish her husband of fifty-four years, Joe I. Hairston; two children, Joel Hairston and Dejuan Troy; six grandchildren, Tiffany (Ray) Phillips, Asmatiek Fields, Brittany Corbett, Joel Hairston, Ariana and Andrew Troy; three great grandchildren, Sanai, Skyler and Grayson; sisters, Elaine Hairston and Gaynell Graham; brothers-in-law, John Hairston and Norwood Keaton; sisters-in-law, Hazel Briggs, Dorothy (Willie) Daniels, Marian (Wayne) Thomas and Jean Hairston; great aunt, Vera Davis; two godsons, Todd Taylor and Kory Alexander. Numerous cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors, and church members.

Dot gave to everyone...

*Order of Service*

Musical Prelude ..... Maranatha Baptist Church Mass Choir

Hymn of Comfort ..... Akera Robinson  
“I Won’t Complain”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection ..... Maranatha Baptist Church Mass Choir

Acknowledgements and Obituary ..... Deaconess Victoria Green

Reading of Obituary ..... Deaconess Victoria Green

Solo ..... Tonjah George  
“Troubles of the World”

Eulogy.....Pastor A’Kim Beecham

Musical Selection

Benediction

Recessional

**Interment**  
Pinelawn Cemetery  
Farmingdale, New York

Repass to follow burial at Pinelawn Cemetery at  
CW Mixon Cultural Center (next to church).

Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartaches  
When someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent the tears that fall,  
Living our hearts without you  
Is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you.

The special years will not return  
When we were all together,  
But with the love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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