

In Loving Memory of



Lucy Pickel

Sunrise: January 27, 1921

Sunset: April 21, 2016

Service

Saturday, April 30, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Pastor Fred Rochester, Officiating

Obituary

Lucy Dora Henson-Pickel, was the youngest girl of four children, three girls, one boy, born to Benjamin Joseph and Jessie Birdy Henson. She was born on January 27, 1921 in Knoxville, Tennessee. She was a student of the Knoxville public schools and graduated with honors from Austin High School in 1937.

While living in Tennessee, Lucy met the love of her life, Johnnie Pickel (deceased). As proud parents, this union produced their first son, Roger Johnnie Pickel (deceased). After migrating to New York City, her sons, James Edward and Harold Richard were born. Her love for family was boundless. Lucy's empathetic spirit and desire to give of herself unselfishly, when others were in need, led to the blessed adoption of Dannie Wayne Dawson, who she raised as her own with her biological children.

Lucy and her sister, Gertrude, were tenacious guardians of the Henson Family clan. They refused to let their family fall apart after the unexpected passing of their oldest sister, Lilly May. They located Lilly's children, who were living in different states, brought some of them to New York City, and extended their own families by opening their homes so that their nieces and nephews could thrive. As a result of Lucy's and Gertrude's sacrifice, compassion and the loving maternal safety net they forged, Lilly's children were able to reconcile and come together.

Lucy knew Jesus as her personal Savior. She grew up in a Christian household. Her father, Benjamin, was the founder and pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, which still exist today in Knoxville, Tennessee. Lucy was a faithful member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church of Harlem until she succumbed to a long illness.

To celebrate her life she leaves: her sons and their spouses, Jimmy (Beatrice) and Harold (Charlene); a host of family that includes grandchildren, Roger, Jr., Christopher, Kim, Tanya, Anthony, Christian, Harold, Jr., Anthony and Kelly; and great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, in-laws, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection "Center of My Joy" - Anthony Morgan
(requested by Harold's mother)

Old Testament Scripture Elder Charlene Pickel

New Testament Scripture Elder Jeanette Fleming

Prayer of Comfort Elder Jeanette Fleming

Selection Anthony Morgan

Cards and Acknowledgments Shirley Dyer

Reflections (1.5 - 2 Minutes)

Obituary Donna Ridley

Eulogy Pastor Fred Rochester

Committal Pastor Fred Rochester

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Faithful People

*Lord, for your faithful people life
Is changed, not ended. When the
body of our earthly dwelling lies in
death we gain an everlasting
dwelling place in Heaven.
Lord, grant eternal rest, forever in
The radiance of your light.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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