

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF

*Dorothy Hendricks*

Sunrise: December 29, 1917 - Sunset: October 4, 2016



**Service:**

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 - 7:30 pm

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Minister Marcial Melendez, Officiating*

*Minister Osmond Collins, Organist*

## Obituary

**Dorothy Hendricks** was born on December 29, 1917 in Georgetown, Guyana, she was one of five siblings.

She was married in 1971 to the late Grafton Hendricks and they had ten children. She was the Matriarch of the family and a pillar of her community. During her life in Guyana, she worked as a vendor and home maker. She was a churchgoer, loved and respected by all and attending Assembly of God Church.

Dorothy was the mother of her community and enjoyed helping others. She opened her home for everyone who needed a hot meal and a place to stay.

Dorothy migrated to America in 1976, where she worked as a Home Health Aide and caretaker for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She believed one of her many blessings was to see and care for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She continued to open her home to family and friends as she loved cooking and unifying the family. Friday dinner was cook-up rice and Sunday was soup. Dorothy's favorite saying was "I am going strong as Johnny Walker". Her secret to a healthy life was drinking coconut water, taking long walks and never missing her noon nap which you dare not disturb.

Dorothy was truly blessed. She lived a joyful and healthy life, always surrounded by families and friends at the beautiful age of 98, she departed this life on October 4, 2016.

Dorothy leaves to cherish precious memories: eight children, William, Dorris, Lloyd, Leary, Godfrey, James, Leon and Kean; twenty-one grandchildren, Carol, Vanessa, Merlyn, Alwyn, Jaqueline, Kathe, William Jr., Nigel, Natasha, Debbie, Adrienne, Sharon, Pamela, Leary, Jr., Jermen, Quacy, Latoya, Christopher, Christopher, James, Michael and Samantha; sixty-two great grandchildren; twenty-three great great grandchildren; daughters-in-law and other loving relatives.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her oldest child, Shirley Townsend.

*Order of Service*

**Communion Hymn**  
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**First Reading: Psalm 90**  
William Waithe

**Second Reading: John 14:1-5**  
Malaki Prescod

**Third Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**  
Vanessa Abraham

**Selection**  
“Take Me To The King” - Chrisandra Lewis-Humphrey

**Opening Remarks**  
(2 minutes please)

**Eulogy**  
Sharon Prescod

**Prayer**  
Minister Marcial Melendez

**Communion Hymn**  
“The World Is Not My Home”

**INTERMENT**

Clinton Cemetery  
195 Union Avenue  
Irvington, New Jersey

*Repast will be held in the upper level at  
New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic  
1120 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106.*

# *I'm Free*



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.

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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.



## *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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