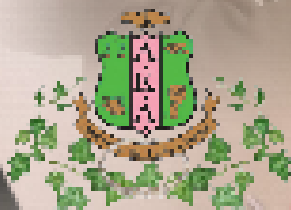


A Celebration of Life
Dolores "Dee" Carter

Sunrise
March 4, 1931

Sunset
December 15, 2016



Thursday, December 22, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH

27 Elm Street

Rutherford, New Jersey

Rev. Annie Allen, Pastor

Margaret Gayles, Organist



A Sonnet for Mother

Service is thine Armour, thy rod and staff, which
thwarts of the villain, stymies evil!
The background is thy stage, only the half of thy great
passion, to bring love, good will.
One knows from whence this energy must come.
Heaven sent, limitless in its nature;
The source of power born of the kingdom
That gives one and all hope for the future.
Why doesn't thou sing the songs of spirit like,
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine?
Lilies flow with the wind, harmony fit into the puzzle;
Devotion, divine.

And the peace of God's strength, eternal love is the
message through you sent from above.



Reflections of Life

*The clock of life is wound but once...
And no man has the power to tell
Just when the hand will stop.
At late or early hour, now is the
Only time we own;
Live, love and toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow for
The clock may then be still.*

Dolores Costello DePass Carter was born in New York City March 4, 1931, to the late Harold DePass and Carrie Beulah Hobson DePass. She was one of six children; Warren, Rema and Phyllis who are deceased and Gene and Rudolph. At the age of four, after her mother passed, she and the family moved to Powhatan, Virginia where her grandparents, John and Hattie Hobson raised the children. It was there that she joined the Little Zion Baptist Church in Powhatan and began a life of service always joining another church whenever she relocated. She served at any church and took as her motto, "be thou faithful to the end."

She graduated college from Cheyney State University in Pennsylvania with honors and relocated to New York City. There she began a teaching career which lasted thirty-seven years. During that time she earned two masters degrees from New York University. Her commitment to the education of our youth serving as a junior high school teacher stemmed completely over these thirty-seven years.

Dolores served her church and community in many capacities. She was active in many professional organizations always doing her best and lending a helping hand. Dolores was a active member in the Newark Branch NAACP, holding a life membership and a golden heritage membership, along with serving as secretary for over twenty-five years. She was a life member of the North Jersey Unit of the National Business and Professional Women's Club, a member of Newark Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Democratic district leader, and involved in many other community service organizations. Dolores was a

devoted church and Sunday School worker. She served as a teacher of all classes and Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years at Hopewell Baptist Church in Newark and Mt Ararat. She was also Senior Usher Board President at Mount Ararat for many years.

An important union in her life came June 4, 1956. It was her marriage to James G. Carter, Jr. which lasted for thirty-eight years until his untimely passing on December 13, 1994. Out of this marriage a son, Carter L. Carter and daughter, April L. Carter were loved, cherished and enjoyed. She was very fond of her two grandchildren, Destiny and Donte. Dolores loved all of her nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, in-laws, and close friends and she knew all of their names and histories. She encouraged young people to do their best and, to her peers she was a pillar of knowledge, holiness, and genuine love.

Early in the morning of December 15, 2016 at around 7:00 am her summons from labor to reward came to her. Silently her weary soul took the flight, and joyfully went to meet her maker.

To God Be The Glory!

A grieving and sorrowing family joined with an all wise God saying, "Be thou faithful to the end." Surely Dolores tried to do her best. As a prayer was being uttered to God for her sake, her response was, "Lord I tried to do my all, I did my best." This she said so many times in life over and over again. "The gates of hell shall not prevail," "saith the Lord." Though all her trials and tribulations, Dolores stood firm in her belief and convictions in God, her family, and church. She tried to be very sure and grip the anchor and hold on to the solid rock---Jesus.

*In Memory
When life's road seems rocky
And you struggle in vain
Ask the savior to help you
He too, suffered pain
Just kneel in prayer
And your needs revealed
Our Father will heal.*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude “Precious Lord”

Processional..... “Nearer My God To Thee” (p. 314)

Opening Remarks Rev. Annie Allen

Solo “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 90 Regina Stokley

New Testament - II Timothy 4:1-8 Curtis DePass

Prayer of Comfort Rudolph DePass

Reflections of Life Read Silently
“To God Be The Glory”

Remarks

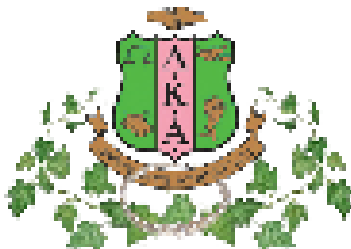
Solo “Let The Work I Have Done Speak For Me”

Eulogy Rev. Annie Allen

Recessional..... “Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey



Mother to Son

By 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.

Acknowledgement

Our burden of grief is heavy... with heavy hearts and teary eyes, but you came along to aid us in such a sorrowful time and shared our grief and burdens. It is such a feeling of joy to know that friends like you were standing by our side when we needed your strength and comfort. You were here for such love, comfort, and devotion. We, the family of **Dolores Costello DePass Carter**, extend to all of you our deepest sense and love and gratitude.

The Family

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