

In Loving Memory of

Dorrie Hardge

Sunrise: March 4, 1928

Sunset: January 23, 2017



Service

Saturday, January 28, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Dorrie Hardge was born on March 4, 1928 in Hartford, Alabama to the late Emanuel and Lillian (Powell) Blackmon.

Dorrie Hardge left Hartford, Alabama in 1948 and moved to New York with her late twin sisters, Mary and Martha. She was married to the late Willie Hardge on March 6, 1960 and to that union a son was born, Willie Hardge, Jr. Over the years they continued to open their heart and home to their adopted children, Erik Frazier and Tasha Cherrie Burks.

Dorrie was a school crossing guard in her early days and became a nurse's aide to Civil Rights attorney Percy Sutton.

She was a licensed Evangelist who loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. She played the organ and piano in several churches where she taught Sunday School and loved to talk to people about God. She had an amazing love for children, a beautiful smile and never missed a Sunday in church.

On March 14, 2015, she was presented and award by the honorable Rev. Arthur Anthony Harris for her outstanding contribution to the Musical Ministry and for her ability and humility which was an inspiration to the members of Rescue Baptist Church.

In 2015, she joined St. Stephens Baptist Church under the auspices of Pastor Elect Antonio Jordan. The members of St. Stephens adored her singing and musical ability and can still hear her sing, "I'm looking for the stone".

Dorrie departed this life on January 23, 2017 in Harlem, New York. She was the last of her deceased eighteen sisters and brothers. Dorrie leaves to mourn her passing: her children, Willie and Tanya Hardge of Poughkeepsie, NY, Erik Frazier of North Carolina and Tasha Cherrie Burks of Virginia; her niece, Barbara Thomas who loved and took care of her for five years; three grandchildren, Vaughn Hardge, Tremayne Hardge and Akare Burks; and a host of nieces, nephews, many relatives and friends.

Proverbs 31:10-13 asks us "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

Surely Dorrie Hardge was a virtuous woman.

Order of Service

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dorrie Hardge

Organ Prelude

Officiating Rev. Arthur Anthony Harris
Rescue Baptist Church

Processional

Congregational Song..... “I’ll Fly Away”

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Henry Jackson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalms 99..... Leah James
St. Stephens Baptist Church

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Ernestine Mays
St. Stephens Baptist Church

Selection..... Voices of St. Stephens

Reflections (please keep to 2 min per person)..... Family and Friends

Acknowledgements..... Deacon Pearl Webster
St. Stephens

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Obituary..... Ashley Samuels

Solo..... Sonia Smith, Deacon in training

Eulogy..... Pastor Elect Antonio Jordan
St. Stephens

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Macedonia Cemetery • Hartford, Alabama

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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