

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family
Musical Selection "Eye On The Sparrow"
Musician Kasoundra Clemons
Scripture Old and New Testament Reverend Kevin Chandler
Prayer for Comfort
Poem by Helen Patilla read by family
Acknowledgements & Obituary Sonja Holmes
Expression/Reflection
Remarks (2 minutes) family and friends
Musical Selection "City Called Heaven"
Musician
Eulogy Elder Deborah C. Johnson
Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery Montclair, New Jersey

Following the Interment there will be a repast at Christian Love Baptist Church 830 Lyons Avenue Irvington, NJ.

<u>Obiluary</u>

Dollie Kate Williams (née Jackson) was born on September 11, 1939 in Sasser, Georgia. She was the first daughter of the late James Lee Jackson and late Isabella Tukes. She lived most of her adult life in various parts of New Jersey residing most recently in North Plainfield. After a lengthy battle with an assortment of infirmities, Dollie went to be with her Creator at 9:21pm Wednesday, February 15th 2017. Her beloved family never left her side and helped ease her transition.

Dollie spent her formative years in Doerun, GA where she attended Doerun Elementary School. She later moved to Moultrie, GA where she attended Moultrie High School. She was well-liked and had many friends and family members that helped her enjoy life along the way.

Due to the unfortunate and untimely passing of her third born child (Roderick) in 1959, Dollie was prompted to leave Moultrie and move to Trenton, NJ at the behest of two of her older brothers: Claude and Fred. Although suffering through the devastating loss of her child, Dollie regrouped and eventually gave birth to five more children! She would give birth to eight children in all before deciding that that was enough.

After living in Trenton for two years, Dollie moved to Newark, NJ. In 1969, the late Blanche Talley (Dollie's good friend) introduced her to William Floyd Williams (Blanche's cousin). Dollie and Floyd married soon after on June 15th, 1970, in a small ceremony in Elkton, MD. They would

eventually move from Newark to East Orange, NJ in 1973 where they stayed until moving to Plainfield, NJ in 1986.

While living in East Orange, Dollie was employed at Vydec Inc., in Florham Park, NJ. When she and her family moved to Plainfield, she began working at Resnick Distributors in South Plainfield, NJ. Besides being gainfully employed, Dollie was also an accomplished seamstress, barber, and interior decorator whenever time would permit. She was a true renaissance woman in every sense of the word!

Of all of Dollie's accomplishments, none meant more to her than motherhood. As a mother, there may have been some equal to the task, but there definitely were none superior. Dollie lived for her children. In fact, she lived for EVERYBODY'S children. She never met a stranger a day in her life and she tirelessly provided food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless, support to shorthanded, guidance to the lost, compassion to the downtrodden, empathy to the misunderstood, and hope to the dispirited.

Moreover, Dollie loved with a capacity that can solely be attributed to her faith in God. She was faithful when it seemed she had no reason to be. When she could find no way, her faith compelled her to make one. When she was without, she searched within. She consulted with her God loudly and proudly and she remained steadfast and resolute until it was finally her time to lay her burdens down.

Dollie was predeceased by her aforementioned mother and father. She was also predeceased by five of her eight siblings: Edward (Bay), Jimmy, James (Buck), Emory (Mann), and Robert (Roach). Finally, Dollie was predeceased by four of her eight children: Roderick Earl Johnson, Derrick André Johnson, Darryl Ramsey Johnson (Dawud), and Robert Gerald Johnson.

Dollie's memory will live on in the hearts of all of her family, immediate and extended, through blood and through bond. Immediately she leaves to mourn her loving husband, William F. Williams (Floyd). Her four living children; Elgie Johnson (Al-Rad), Hassan Haqq (formerly Archie Johnson), Romonia Johnson (Mona), and William F. Williams II (Billy). Dollie had three daughters-in-law; Cassandra Johnson, Kira Baskerville-Williams, and Pamela Donerson, and one son-in-law, Kevin Bracy. She has been blessed with so many nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even a great-great-grandchild, it would be an exercise in futility trying to name them all.

Throughout her life, Dollie developed and nurtured a great many friendships and relationships that transcended time, distance, and circumstance. When her health had eroded to the point where she needed assistance to take care of herself, she had many suitors offering a hand in kind. Although many chipped in, of whom Dollie was eternally grateful, no single person took care of her more than her loving, doting daughter, Romonia Johnson. Very special consideration is also extended to her loving, devoted niece, Felicia Patilla (Moke), and her loving, and very diligent aide, Dionne Cunningham.

Tagetherness

Death is nothing at all - I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was: there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past: nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as before — only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.

-Author unknown

Pall Bearers

Khayyaam Bracy Jahlil Jackson Jameel Williams Jihad Haqq Abdul McCrary Khalil Johnson

Derrick Johnson

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