

In Loving Memory of

Dorothy Mary Cleveland

Sunrise: September 14, 1928

Sunset: November 26, 2017

Service

Monday, December 4, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Elder Daniel Farrow, Officiating

Obituary

Mother Dorothy Cleveland was born on September 14th, 1928 in Meriwether Georgia to the late Lucille Smith. Dorothy was the second child born of the three children. At an early age, her family relocated to Birmingham, Alabama where she received her education and graduated from Parker High School in 1948.

During her adult years, Dorothy fell in love and married Leon Cleveland and in 1959, the newlyweds moved to New York City to reside at 206 West 121st Street HDPC. Mother Dorothy remained at this residence until she went on to be with the Lord on November 26th, 2017.

Dorothy was employed at the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company for many years, better known as A&P, a supermarket chain that was in operation for 156 years. Because of her work ethic, dedication, and commitment, she received the position of Treasurer at 206 West 121st Street HDPC for over 15 years. During this time, she helped many and performed outstanding and exemplary service. In addition, Mother Dorothy's integrity and character led her to becoming an active 28th Precinct Community Affairs and Activities Advocate along with her colleagues Mr. Clyde Cook and Ms. Mary E. Barnes.

With strong commitment and determination, the two forces joined and cleaned up a crime infested community. Because of her love for neighborhoods and people, Dorothy participated in several community committees that took pride in honoring many of Harlem's Elite Professionals for extraordinary and passionate acts of service within the community.

She was a member of The Dwelling Place, formerly; Zion Apostolic Church, under the Leadership of District Elder, Daniel Farrow.

Mother Cleveland, also known as Ms. "DOT" was a gratified member of the Village of Harlem and her inspirational and encouraging outlook; made her a pillar in the community. Her warm demeanor and kind spirit touched all who came into contact with her; she loved giving a "Helping" hand. Mother Cleveland was a great support to many and a powerful role model. She loved watching television while doing crossword puzzles and was a MOTHER FIGURE and DEAR FRIEND TO MANY. Her presence and active participation for the betterment of those in her community, has made a significant impact on this neighborhood.

Mother Dorothy's presence will be truly missed by all who felt her gentle, generous and gracious touch; her sweet disposition was shown by:

The "NEVER SAYING NO"

Mother Dorothy Mary Cleveland was preceded in death by brother, Tommy G. Owens and sister, Jessie Lee Waters. She leaves to share memories of her to: her loving family, son, Deacon Reginald Smith, Sr.; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Smith; grandson, Reginald Smith, Jr., wife, Tyrah Smith; granddaughter, Sherllyn Shontise Smith; grandsons, Jered and Jordan McKinny; step-daughter, Jatara; and a host of nieces, nephews and other close relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
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 or 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 up 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-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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