

*Celebrating the Life
of*

Irene G. Durham

*Sunrise
February 4, 1936*

*Sunset
July 15, 2022*



Service
Friday, July 29, 2022 ~ 10:30 am

G.G. Woody Funeral Home LLC.

206 East Eighth Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

*Reverend Dennis Washington, Officiant
Reverend Thomas Pollard, Eulogist*

Life Reflections

Irene G. Durham was born on February 4, 1936 to Pauline Pollard and James Gilyard in Elizabeth, New Jersey. At an early age Irene and her family moved to Sumter, South Carolina. Irene attended public schools in South Carolina and once she graduated Irene decided to move back to New Jersey in the mid 1950's.

Once returning to New Jersey Irene attended the New Brunswick Secretarial School, where in 1955 she graduated and began her training at the Raritan Arsenal in Metuchen, New Jersey.

In 1961, Irene met the man of her dreams Wilbur Durham and married on April 16, 1966. From this perfect union they were blessed with a handsome son Lang Durham. Irene worked at Fort Wadsworth in Staten Island as a Computer Specialist then worked at the Federal Building in Newark, New Jersey. Later she gained a new position at Fort Monmouth and a few years later from working there Irene retired in 1994.

Irene enjoyed sewing and creating her own outfits that she would wear to work and many other occasions. She would come home from a long day of work, and you would find her right in front of her sewing machine. Irene and Wilbur traveled to South Carolina often in the early 90's and always enjoyed spending quality time with her loving family members.

When Irene retired, she started to focus on her health and began to walk every day from her home in Rahway across town to the local parks. Irene would continue to keep up this pace for years until her health caused her to slow down.

On Friday, July 15, 2022, Irene departed this world at her home in Rahway with her husband and family by her side.

Irene leaves behind to cherish her memory, her devoted and loving husband Wilbur Durham, one son Lang Durham, a grandson, Isaiah Durham, two brothers George Gilyard and wife Ella, Rev. Thomas Pollard, one sister Jacqueline Roach, four nephews Bentley Pollard, Jerome Caldwell, Thomas Pollard, Jr. and Reshan Mohammed and two nieces Ms. Keshia Pollard and Natasha Gilbert, with a host of family and friends that will really miss her.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Celebration

“Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament-Luke 23: verses 40-43

New Testament- John 14: 6

Prayer of Comfort

*Reverend Dennis Washington, Associate Pastor
St. Paul AME Church, Kenilworth, NJ*

Solo/ Selection

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

Reflections and Remembrances (2-3 minutes)

Obituary Reading

Ms. Michelle Burwell

Sermonic Selection

Mrs. Tashira Wheeler

Eulogy

Reverend Thomas Pollard, Pastor
Christian Community Chapel, Hillsborough, NJ

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Pallbearers
Family and Friends of **Irene G. Durham**

Remember Me

*Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.*

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 that any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.
The Family of Irene G. Durham*

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