

Celebrating the Life of
Dolores Richardson

Sunrise
August 12, 1941

Sunset
August 24, 2022



Service: Thursday, September 1, 2022 - 11:00 am

Newark Church of Christ
723 Clinton Avenue & Dr. Eugene Lawton Way
Newark, New Jersey
RC Jackson, Officiating

Order of Service

Song Director

Andre Hart (Newark Church of Christ)

Processional Selection

Recording by The Exciting Enchanters (I'll Live in Glory)

Bible Inspiration

Weston Paton (Newark Church of Christ)

Prayer

Weston Paton (Newark Church of Christ)

Selection

Everybody Will Be Happy Over There

Acknowledgement of Condolence

Henretta Green (Newark Church of Christ)

Reflections

Erin Haji, Cheryl Reeves, Cheryl Paton

Musical Selection

Kayla Richardson

Eulogy

RC Jackson (Newark Church of Christ)

Recessional

Recording by the Exciting Enchanters

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Obituary

Dolores Richardson departed this life on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at Newark Beth Israel Hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer. With her steadfast, unwavering faith in God, she courageously fought each day knowing he was by her side. She was predeceased in death by a younger sister, Anna Marie Lawrence-Ash, stepsister, Joyce Turner and great-grandson, Noah Richardson.

Dolores was an only child born to the late Lucy Gilbert and Robert Goines. She was born in Newark, New Jersey on August 12, 1941. At the age of 4 she went to live with her Grandparents Annie Lou and Bragg Brookins who were Sharecroppers in Cuthbert, GA.

Dolores loved living on the Farm with her Grandparents whom she adored. They ran a small farm where she thrived in the wholesome safe environment they provided. She loved to play outside in the fields during the day and watching the countless stars at night. She would often speak fondly of her time on the farm. She especially loved her grandmothers cooking, working in the garden and having access to fresh fruit and vegetables. She would often say “yall don’t know how good food is until you get it straight from the garden.”

At the age of 12 Dolores returned to Newark, NJ to her Mother Lucy, Stepfather Johnnie Lawrence II and two younger siblings Anna Marie and Johnnie Lawrence III.

Dolores was educated in the Newark Public School System until she graduated from Central High School. She also attended Essex County College.

Dolores was united in marriage to Roy Richardson, Sr. on March 14, 1959. in Newark, NJ. To this union three children were born, Antoine, Marlene and Roy, Jr. Her husband preceded her in death in September, 1982.

Dolores was a caring nurturing mother who helped raise her niece, Erin and nephews, Hassan, and Tony whom she loved as her own children. She also had many bonus children who came to her for shelter, guidance, a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on. Her door was always open to any child who needed a safe place to land.

Every year she looked forward to the Holidays and any reason to get the family together. It didn't matter if it was a cookout, or a Birthday celebration she was ready and willing to make her potato salad. Dolores loved Thanksgiving most. She loved her family and our family gatherings.

After the turbulent times of the 1960's and the passing of the civil rights bill with the assistance of Irving Turner, The First Black Official for the City of Newark, Dolores was hired by the United States Postal Service where she was a Postal Clerk until her retirement in 1982.

After her retirement Dolores returned to the work force as a Teachers Aide at George Washington Carver Elementary School in the City of Newark, NJ where she helped many students achieve their goals and developed a love for learning.

Dolores was an explorer who loved to travel. She enjoyed learning about different cultures, foods, and customs. She was able to visit many countries in Europe, Africa, the Caribbean and much of the United States.

Dolore was baptized into the body of Christ at the Newark Church of Christ on December 3, 1989 under the leadership of Dr. Eugene Lawton, Minister. She was a long-time member of the Newark Church of Christ. She loved attending worship services, Bible classes and annual lectureships.

During the Covid crisis she faithfully watched the services that were streamed from the church.

Dolores was saddened by the loss of Brother Lawton and her inability to attend his Home Going Service. Dolores loved her Church Family and missed attending when she became too ill.

Those left to cherish her memory

3 children Antoine Richardson, Marlene Richardson, and Roy Richardson Jr, 3 Grandsons Allen, Adam, and Antoine Richardson 6 Granddaughters Aikia, Kasai, and Kyoung-Soon Richardson Kayla, Kai, and Kaersten Richardson. 1 Brother Johnnie Lawrence (Brenda) NJ, Brother-in-law Frank Richardson (Shirley) Doylestown, PA. Brother-in-law Paul Richardson (Joyce) Newport News, Va. Several Nieces, Nephews, and a host of other relatives and her Bonus children.

precious memories



precious moments



Broken Chain

We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.

You did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,

Your love is still our guide.

And although we cannot see you,

You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.





Honorary Pallbearers

Brothers of the Newark Church of Christ

God Will Take Care Of You

No Matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.

Acknowledgements

The Family would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, sympathy, and kindness expressed during this bereavement period. We have sustained a great loss and your thoughtfulness is comforting to us.

The Richardson Family

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