

<u>Obituary</u>



Dorothy Anne Branch (nee Wilson) was born on April 24, 1927 in South Orange, NJ to the late John and Janie Wilson. She was the third of four children.

Dorothy accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Calvary Baptist Church of Vauxhall, NJ. Later in life she joined The New Hope Baptist Church, Newark, NJ.

Dorothy was raised in the Vauxhall and Maplewood, NJ area. She attended the public schools in Maplewood/South Orange where she graduated from Columbia High School in 1945.

She began her work career at IT&T Avionics in the Nutley/Clifton, NJ area as a Wirer. During that time she met James Branch who she later married and from that union came three children, James (Teddy), Teresa (Lee Lee) and Karen (Butterball). She continued working at IT&T approximately twenty-eight years until early retirement. She then worked part-time as a Sales Clerk at Randy's Bandwagon on Central Avenue in East Orange and then at the "Deli" on Central Avenue as well. She furthered her education at Phillips Business School in Newark, NJ and earned a certificate in Accounting soon after she started a new career as a ParaProfessional in The East Orange Public School system.

Dorothy enjoyed playing Bingo, Pokeno and doing various challenging puzzles. She loved being with family especially watching wrestling with her youngest grandson. She was a twenty year member of the Order of Eastern Star Hope Chapter #115 of East Orange, NJ.

On Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 6:30 a.m. after a short illness she quietly and peacefully transitioned at East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, NJ.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, James (Big Teddy); sister, Floria Branch; two daughters, Teresa and Karen Branch; six grandchildren, Shaun Kline, James Tyler, Derrick Branch, Karimaha Tyler, Steven Branch and Kenneth Branch; seven great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; one aunt; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her son, James (Teddy) Branch; one brother, John T. Wilson and one sister, Vivian E. Blaine.

Dear Mother and Grandmother, we loved you dearly, you gave us your very best. May God enfold you in his arms, forever more to rest. You will be missed dearly.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy, Church Officials and Family

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament and New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (no more than 2 minutes)

Acknowledgements, Condolences, Resolutions & Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Lula Baker

Recessional

Clergy and Family

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

Following the interment friends are invited to join the family for the repast at New Hope Baptist Church.



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.



Acknowledgements

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