

In Loving Memory of

Sunrise
September 13, 1919

Carrie B.
Dixon

Sunset
September 13, 2010

Service

Friday, September 17, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

PATERSON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

385 Park Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Bobby Moore, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Carrie Belle (Baker) Dixon was born in Olanta, South Carolina to Reid Baker and Alice Gertrude Evans on September 13, 1919.

During her first sixteen years, Carrie Belle lived and worked on a farm. It was hard work and she vowed her children would never have to endure such hardships. At the age of sixteen, she left Olanta, SC never to reside there again.

CB breezed into Paterson, NJ seventy-five years ago. Her mother secured her a position as a live-in maid in Ridgewood, NJ, in the Kramer household. For entertainment, every weekend she would take the bus into Paterson with other girls who were employed as live-in servants. She loved dancing and listening to music in the nightclubs.

At the age of twenty-one, CB had given up her job as a maid; rented an apartment with a few friends and started work as a Pants Presser at City Cleaners on Straight Street in Paterson. Years later, she worked at Paragon Cleaners in Saddle Brook. These two jobs established her twelve hour a day work schedule. So, when she became owner of The Hot Dog Truck, the long hours didn't phase her. She became known all around Paterson as "The Hot Dog Lady of Broadway."

Longevity runs in the female side of CB's family. She outlived two ex-husbands named Bill and always maintained good friendships with both of them. She didn't care much for cooking (she had been cooking full meals since the age of seven), but she was an excellent cook.

CB only finished the third grade in school. However, she abounded in common sense. She gave advice freely and was seldom wrong. When someone made the mistake of not following that sage advice and things went awry, she simply said, "Honey, that's your little red wagon. You can push or pull it."

Carrie Belle was a fiercely protective mother. She was warm, loving, giving and forgiving. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a smile that could melt your heart. She loved cruises, slot machines and playing pitty pat...her favorite card game...(but only for money). Most of all she loved her girls and she taught us to love ourselves. She gave us a strong work ethic and a strength of character to do the hard things life throws at us. She taught us to be survivors. That lesson is going to help us survive the loss of her.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Marsha Dixon-Williams, brother, Reid Baker and sister Madene Smith.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her daughters, Ramona Wilkerson, Barbara Jean Davis and Dolores Smith-Golden; four grandchildren, Crystal, Quentin, Olivia and Lamonte; seven grandchildren, Devin, Kenneth, Jordan, Ty, Imani, DeShawn and Robin; one son-in-law, John Golden; special niece, Debra Farrior; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Selection

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Special Selection

Acknowledgements
& Remarks

Reflections of Life Francis Miller

Special Selection

Eulogy (Words of Comfort) Rev. Dr. Bobby Moore

Recessional



Interment
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

Don't

*Don't spend too much time in mourning,
Tears are for the sad;
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress;
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.
Don't puzzle yourself with questions
Or try to reason why
Life here for me was ended,
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you
Feed it with your care;
Grow it with devotion
And spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way;
We'll have another meeting
In God's eternal day.*

-Author unknown

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