

Order of Service

Processional

Organ Prelude

A Parting View

Hymn *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

Scriptures Rev. Cathy Thompson-Fix

Psalm 91
Revelation 34:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn *"Marching To Zion"*

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary Dr. Arthur T. Wilson

Hymn *"We'll Understand It Better By and By"*

Eulogy Reverend Howard Van Dyk, Jr.
Pastor, Hawthorne Gospel Church

Recessional

Interment Graceland Memorial Park • Kenilworth, New Jersey

Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Dorothy Boston**

Acknowledgement

The family of **Dorothy Boston** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

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Homegoing Service



Dorothy May Boston

May 8, 1934 - January 14, 2012

Service

Friday, January 20, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

1st Presbyterian Church

111 West Fifth Avenue
Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. Karen Chamis, Pastor

Reverend Howard Van Dyk, Jr., Officiating

Life Reflections

Dorothy May Boston was born on May 8, 1934 in Roselle, New Jersey, daughter of Elsie Hazel Conover Parsons and Royal Isadore Parsons. She graduated from Abraham Clark High School where she was a member of the band and the cheerleading squad. She lived in Fort Lee and Ramsey, New Jersey before settling in Waldwick.

Dorothy was first employed as a file clerk at Exxon (Esso) and worked her way up to a position in the Human Resources department where she discovered her life's avocation. She remained at Exxon for several years learning all that she could about personnel management. Applying what she learned, she then began a career in personnel management working for McGraw-Hill Publishing where she became a Personnel Manager. In 1979 Dorothy joined the management of Ziff-Davis Publishing Company as the Director of Recruitment/Community Relations where she remained until 1995. In 1996, she became a personnel recruiter for J.S.P. Personnel of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. She was employed there for 10 years and retired after having suffered a stroke.

Dorothy never lost sight of her humble beginnings and the obstacles, due to the social climate of the 50s and 60s, that she had to overcome. Throughout her career she managed to create opportunities for young people through recruitment activities at historically black colleges and training programs that she helped develop which provided the necessary life skills to at risk high school graduates and those who got their GED so that they could compete in the job market.

In 1970, Dorothy married Kermit H. Boston and they remained married until 1989.

Dorothy was stubborn, tenacious, and always spoke her mind yet she was loving, caring and adept at making friends. She was also a little bossy and, as her family will tell you, truly earned the nickname "Sarge." Her great sense of humor and her thoughtfulness endeared her to all she knew. She was an avid

reader, a lifelong student, and an excellent cook although when she was younger she had such a problem baking cakes that our brother, Roy, used to call them crater cakes because without fail they would fall instead of rising.

Her creative spirit manifested itself in the stained glass pieces that she designed and created. The focus of her work was a tribute to and inspired by the strength of her faith and her personal relationship with God. She reveled in nature and most spring and summer days on weekends when she wasn't working on stained glass or volunteering at church she spent hours working in her yard. She was a stalwart member of Riverside Church in New York, New York for 19 years where she served on the Election and other committees of the church. For five or six years, until her illness in 2006, she attended Hawthorne Gospel Church where she volunteered in the church's lending library.

Dorothy saw her life unfold on the movie screen when actress Janet MacLachlan portrayed her in the film "Maurie" which depicted her life as the fiancée of all-star professional basketball player, Maurice Stokes who suffered a head injury in 1958 that left him totally paralyzed.

Dorothy May Boston departed this life on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth at the age of 77. She was predeceased by her parents, Elsie and Royal Parsons, two sisters, Julia Elizabeth Stevenson and Margaret Pauline Lee and a brother, Royal Isadore Parsons, Jr.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, four sisters, Elsie H. Cox of Monroe Township, NJ, Almeda P. Thompson (Harry) of Scotch Plains, NJ, Mary Patricia Parsons of Roselle, NJ Elaine Pastras (Philip) of Los Angeles, CA and a sister-in-law, Joyce M. Parsons of Franklin Park, NJ, ten nieces and nephews and a host of great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

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