

*In Loving Memory of*



*Rudolph Dixon, Sr.*

**Sunrise**  
*March 16, 1936*

**Sunset**  
*May 8, 2012*

*Monday, May 14, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**PHILEMON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

246 Shephard Avenue • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Edward A. Allen, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

*“May the life I live speak for me!!”*

**Rudolph Dixon, Sr.** was born March 16, 1936 to the late Willie and Lola Bell Dixon. He was educated in Farmville, North Carolina in the public schools.

Rudolph worked for thirty-seven and a half years at the Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey, as a foreman for the motor pool. He was very active in the church, he was a past president of the Gospel Chorus, past chairman of the Trustee Board, a member of the Deacon Board and a member of the Philemon Gospel Chorus and Male chorus.

Rudolph was loved by all. Everybody loved “Deac”, and his most handsome smile.

Rudolph was preceded in death by five brothers, Willie Dixon, Jr., Clarence Dixon, Jesse Dixon, Kenneth Douglas Dixon and Johnnie Melvin Dixon.

Rudolph is survived by: his beloved wife, Susan of Newark, New Jersey; five children, Iris Evonne Green (Clinton) of District Heights, Maryland, Marvin Earl Jones of Newport News, Virginia, Rudolph Dixon, Jr., of Charlotte, North Carolina, Felecia Ann Dixon of Charlotte, North Carolina and Myron B. Kelley, of Roselle, New Jersey; two step-children, Brenda Brandon of Montclair, New Jersey, Karita Angevine (Aziz) of East Orange, New Jersey; four grandchildren, Darlene Williams (Marcus) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Krystle Dixon of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Marisha Britton of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Delvin Richardson of East Orange, New Jersey; two great-grandchildren, Ja’vonne and Chastity; three sisters, Lucy Gray Hopkins of Silver Springs, Maryland, Lillie Ruth Anderson of Newark, New Jersey, Annie Doris Horne of Farmville, North Carolina; one brother, Theodore Dixon of Washington, D.C.; one sister-in-law, Willie V. Dixon of Washington, D.C.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Ministries and Family

Selection ..... Combined Choirs

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo ..... Sis. Jean Cheek

Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... Combined Choirs

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Acknowledgements/Obituary ..... Deaconess Ethel Grimsley

Solo ..... Rev. Anita Bethea

Eulogy ..... Rev. Edward A. Allen

Recessional

## **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

***Immediately following the interment, family and friends  
are invited to return for the repast at the  
Philemon Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.***

***Pall Bearers and Floral Bearers***  
*Relatives and Friends*

***I'm Free***

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-author unknown*

***Acknowledgement***

The Dixon Family gratefully acknowledges the many kindness and expressions of love and sympathy extended during our time of bereavement. We thank you, and may God bless you all.

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