

*Sunrise* May 15, 1912 Sunset August 11, 2013

Saturday, August 17, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

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<u>Obituary</u>

On Sunday, August 11, 2013, Mrs. Dorothy Elaine Canady was called

home to rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At the time of her passing, she was 101 years old and was loved by hundreds of family and friends.

Dorothy, or "Dodo," (as she was lovingly called by her family) was born on May 15, 1912, in Newark, New Jersey to parents, George W. Carter and Mary Anthony Dixon Carter. She was educated in Newark, NJ and lived in Brooklyn, NY, before moving to Harlem – a community she loved until the time of her transition. When she traveled other places, she felt like a "fish out of water" and was always anxious to get back home to Harlem.

Dorothy was known for her fierce independence and "stubbornness," a trait inherited by many members of her extended family! She was a strong and capable woman who started everyday by thanking the Lord and listening to gospel music emitting from her tiny bedside radio.

She loved going to the senior day care program at Amsterdam Nursing Home. Until very recently, she was an active participant in the senior care program and participated in many group activities including trips to the theater, local restaurants, shopping malls and local museums.

Ms. Canady was a long-time member and service volunteer of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church and also worshipped with the faithful at LaGree Baptist Church – she joined LaGree when she was in her late 80's! Both churches are within walking distance of her home.

In 1946, Dorothy married William Henry Canady. Her husband preceded her in death in 1985. The union produced four children. She is survived by her loving children: Khyrra Elaine Staggers, Marlene Taylor and Mathew Moore. Her sister, Ethel Bennett, is her sole surviving sibling.

Dorothy was the grandmother of: Karen, Tyeaesis, Khyrra, Nicole, Franklin, Kevin, Milo, Nigel, Ian and Sharon. She also had 20 great grandchildren and lived long enough to see three great-great grandchildren.

"She fought a good fight, She kept the faith, She won the race!"

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

Selection

## **Scripture Readings**

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## **Final Disposition**

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

Jim 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

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