

In Loving Memory of

Ms. Otis Rucker

Sunrise
June 5, 1920

Sunset
January 18, 2014

Service
Friday, January 31, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating
Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist

A Life Well Lived

*“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.” St. Matthew 11:28*

We celebrate the homegoing of **Otis Dean Rucker**, affectionately known as “**Dean**”. Otis was truly a phenomenal woman known for her strength. She was wise, beautiful, humble, nurturing, compassionate, understanding, powerful, graceful and persevering.

Otis Dean Rucker was born on June 5, 1920 in Sweetwater, Tennessee to the late Walter James Spencer, Sr. and Vienna Dora Spencer. Otis was baptized at an early age at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Athens, Tennessee. She attended Cook High School in Athens, Tennessee. To make for a better life for her and her siblings Otis relocated to New York City in 1940.

Upon relocating to New York City, Otis obtained employment as a domestic worker. She later worked as a seamstress in the garment district for many years. Because of her nurturing spirit and love for children, Otis faithfully served as a Nanny and Governess for Mr. Robert I. Lipp and his family in Scarsdale, NY for many years until her retirement; and even after her retirement Otis embraced the profound love she continued to receive from the Lipp Family who revered her greatly.

In 1972, Otis met and married the late Oddie Rucker. In 1983, Otis joined the Macedonia Baptist Church to continue her Christian stewardship and would frequently visit other churches. She enjoyed attending special programs in her community until her health began to decline as well.

Otis was the second eldest of five children and was predeceased by three siblings: Frances, Sue and Walter Jr.

Otis leaves to remember her life: one sister, Carolyn Carson-Williams; one niece, Vienna D. Spencer-McPherson and nephew-in-law, David P. McPherson; and a goddaughter, Ms. Helena C. Cooks. She also leaves a host of “great” and “great-great” nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Devoted to her family and true to her friends, her pleasant smile and gentle ways shall be remembered by all who knew her. For those who knew Otis, know she would smile and say:

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*“When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head held low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
and each must go alone.
For it's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.”*

The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn (congregants).....“Blessed Assurance”

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Lee Arrington

Solo (musician).....“Precious Lord”

Reflections (2 mins.)

Obituary.....Helena Cooks

Solo (musician).....“God Will Take Care of You”

Eulogy.....Rev. Lee Arrington

Final Viewing

Benediction.....Rev. Lee Arrington

Recessional Music (musician)

Interment

Private

Repast

*Immediately following service the family will receive friends at
824 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner of 151st Street) #21, NY, NY 10031*

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Otis "Dean" Rucker greatly appreciates the outpouring of love, support and expressions of sympathy from each of you. Your giving was in a monumental way and our heart is overflowing with appreciation for the generous gifts of your presence, phone calls, prayers, cards and acts of kindness. Your thoughtfulness has been a great source of comfort and will always be remembered. We give special thanks to the Lipp Family for their undying love and support over the years to Otis and our family and to her caregivers Patricia and LaToya; and her great nieces, Sue and Princess.

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