

Homegoing Service
Celebrating a Life Well Lived



Josie Lee Dennis

August 5, 1914 – March 4, 2014

Service

Saturday, March 8, 2014 ~ 11:00 AM

First Baptist Church

100 High Street

Cranford, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred E. Brown, Jr., Pastor

Life Reflections

Josie Lee Dennis was born on August 5, 1914 in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was the fifth of six children born to Marie and Isreal Hearn. Having lost both of her parents at the age of five, she was raised by her aunt Marsha Harris. In 1933, Josie migrated north to Far Rockaway, New York. There she attended New York Institute for Dietetics, Inc. and received a Catering Certificate. It was a well-deserved certification having pursued her passion for cooking.

She became a member of First Baptist Church of Far Rockaway, New York under the leadership of the late Rev. Thomas F. Owens. She was on the Board of Directors of First Baptist Church of Far Rockaway Education Community Center; she was an Usher for 42 years and a member of the Senior Choir. She was also an outstanding Chairperson of the Diamond and Jubilee Anniversary for First Baptist Church of Far Rockaway. Aunt Josie loved to sing and was also a member of the Hampton University choir. She was a very active member of the Women's Workers Organization, NCNW, and NAACP in Far Rockaway, at both Inwood and Five Town Forum branches. Also, she was a dedicated member of the Twilight Social Club for over 50 years. These are just a few of her many outstanding accomplishments. Thanks to her helpful manner she was committed to community service.

In 2005, she relocated to Cranford, New Jersey where she became a member of First Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Alfred E. Brown, Jr.

Josie's hobbies included traveling, bowling and music. She had a dream to become a singer and participated in the Rockaway View Play where she used her voice to sing songs in an outstanding soprano voice that touched the hearts of all who heard her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Theodore Dennis, and siblings: Nelson, James, John, Edward, and Josephine Hearn.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the rich of age of 99 years young, in her 100th year on God's earth, Josie Dennis was called home to receive her heavenly crown.

Aunt Josie leaves to cherish her fond memories, Josie Hearn who was her niece and goddaughter; beloved nieces and nephews: Augusta Martin, Bertha McPhaul, Nelson Hearn, and Henry Hearn (Yolanda), Lucion Garland (Cynthia) and Nancy Garland, Daisy Louise Brunson-Fox, Mary Porter, Marie Hearn, Anita Garland and Patricia Hearn; godchildren: Theodore Dennis and four others; many great- and great-great grandnieces and nephews.

Aunt Josie gave unselfishly to all who needed her.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Musician

Valerie Martin

Prelude/Mediation

Hymn

#27 "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer

Words of Comfort

Solo

"Amazing Grace"

Erica Reily

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Hymn

#189 "When Peace Like a River"

Scripture

Old Testament: Psalm 27

New Testament: John 17

Revelation 22:1-5

Solo

Erica Reily

"Take Me To The King"

Eulogy

Rev. Alfred E. Brown, Jr.

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Josie Lee Dennis**



*Say not in grief Aunt Josie is
no more – But lived in
thankfulness that she was.
Say not in grief that she is
no more but Say in joy that
she was. Death was not the
end. Death can never be
the end. Death is the road.*

Life was the traveler.

*Aunt Josie traveled well,
And when at last her traveling
days Were done, she went to rest
Somewhere beyond the Sun
In the arms of sweet deliverance.
In the arms of sweet deliverance,
She is resting in peace.*

~ Tanya Martin

Acknowledgement

The family of **Josie Lee Dennis** 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.

~ The Family

