

Homegoing Service



Doris Alma Mercer

October 28, 1922 - August 12, 2014

Service

Monday, August 18, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Doris Mercer born on October 28, 1922 to the proud parents of Mabel and Rudolph Marable was the eldest of four girls and spent part of her childhood in the Bluegrass state of Kentucky. She was raised with her siblings under the loving care of her mother Ms. C. and grandmother Mama Lizzie. As a young Paducah girl, Doris loved growing up in the south surrounded by a family of talented musicians. Her grandmother was a piano teacher and her mother played the piano as well and in later years played throughout Paducah with local male musicians. Doris became a lover of all types of music and spoke proudly about her family's pedigree and connection to the history of Jazz. For example, her Uncle Fate who became a legendary renowned Jazz pianist and bandleader was taught to play and read music by his mother Mama Lizzie. Original documentation of Uncle Fate's celebrated gigs on the Mississippi Riverboat Streckfus Line, stayed in Doe Doe's safekeeping to share with the family. Uncle Fate's Riverboat band had all the right ingredients – a swinging scene, plenty of dancing, and good sounds enjoyed by the Riverboat's loyal patrons. As an avid music lover, it was not uncommon to hear great sounds coming from Doe Doe's Hi Fi set in apt 54 any day of the week from the greats like Nat Cole, Arthur Prysock, the latest Broadway hits, Ella, Dinah, Latin Jazz, to Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra. This is only a small sample of the type of music the family listened to in the home.

Doris and her family eventually migrated to New York City where she entered the public school system and graduated from Wadleigh High School in 1940. After graduation she worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years. She eventually met and married Jack Mercer in 1950. The two remained married until his death in 1980.

Doe Doe as she was affectionately called was a champion for education and made sure this was instilled in her children and grandchild. Her children George and Jacquelyn as well as her granddaughter Dashawn all attended and graduated from St. Charles Parochial School in Harlem. In her role as an alum of Wadleigh High School she was an active member in Wadleigh's vibrant alumni association for over twenty years. She helped to raise money for scholarships for students to attend college.

Doe Doe will be best remembered for being a very beautiful and classy woman, who was straight forward, and had an unyielding conviction for the Lord. Doe Doe had a saying and belief—"you don't play with God". As an active member of St. Charles Church for over forty years her faith in the Lord was prominent in her life. She will also be remembered as the family storyteller. Since she was blessed to live such a long and fulfilling life it afforded her the opportunity to have an enormous amount of wisdom and foresight. These assets were the basis for her stories about life and the world around her. It was an absolute pleasure for Doe Doe to tell her stories to anyone. Undoubtedly, there would be a lesson to be learned in any one of her stories. Doe Doe was a woman who loved her family to the very end. Her commitment to her family was unmatched and without limits.

She is survived by: her two children, George and Jacquelyn, her granddaughter, Dashawn, grandsons, Paris and Nyjah, nephews, Mychael and Peter, nieces, Harriet and Kim, grand-nieces, Tiantha and Toniqua, great-granddaughters, Chayse and Lyric, great-grand children, Christopher and Crystal, great-grand niece, Savannah, and great-grand nephews, Ian Shawn and Nicholas, as well as a host of extended family members and friends.

Order of Service

Call to Worship SelectionPeiChin Faison
Prayer of ComfortPastor Dukes
Scriptures Readings
Old Testament, Psalm 23: 1-6Nyjah Martin
New Testament, Revelation 21: 1-4..... Paris Davis
ObituaryMychael Faison
Eulogy
Closing Selection..... PeiChin Faison

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

God looked around His Garden

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your eyes and whispered
"Peace be Thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone,
a part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
If love would have saved you,
you never would have died.*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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