

*In Loving Memory of
Helen Louise Mayo Dudley*



Sunrise
January 13, 1920

Sunset
December 24, 2014

Monday, January 5, 2015 10:00 a.m.

Philemon Baptist Church

246 Sheppard Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07108

Reverend Edward Allen, Pastor

Obituary



Helen Louise Mayo Dudley passed away on December 24, 2014 at the age of 95. Born January 13, 1920 in Cumberland County, Virginia, she was the eldest of nine children. Her parents were the late Junious Warren and Victoria Flippen Warren.

Sister Dudley received her grammar school education in segregated Cumberland County. Since high schools in that county were provided for “whites” only, she left home at the age of fourteen and moved to Richmond, Virginia to work as a live-in domestic. Shortly after that, she relocated to Montclair, New Jersey.

Sister Dudley became a wife and mother at a very young age. A family friend, a young minister from back home had also moved to Montclair. They began dating, and soon she and the Reverend Randolph Mayo Sr. were married. Their union was blessed with three children, Ethel, Randolph Jr., and Helen Virginia. After a few years, the young family relocated to Newark, New Jersey.

Although a busy minister’s wife and mother, Sister Dudley never abandoned her quest for knowledge. She read extensively and found time to enroll in night school, pursuing a variety of interest which eventually led to a High School Equivalence diploma. She further pursued her education at Essex County College.

In 1962, Sister Dudley married her second husband, Sam Dudley. He was deceased in 1987 after a long, debilitating illness. During those years, sister Dudley never wavered in her loving and devoted care of him, truly exemplifying the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control (Gal 5:22-23).

Sister Dudley joined Philemon Baptist Church in the 1940’s. She was a devout Christian who worked tirelessly in the ministries of her church and community. She was the president of the Missionary Society for 40 years, and during her presidency, programs were developed for feeding the hungry, clothing the homeless, and administering to the needs of the elderly and youth of the community. She was also the founder of the annual Women’s day celebration, and was the adult Sunday School teacher for more than 15 years.

As a young woman her compassion for the needs of the broader community led her to volunteer her time to many causes. She worked with the Urban Leagues’s outreach programs for the poor, the Red Cross, the March of Dimes, Essex County Tuberculosis League, and the Rent Control Administration. She also sold Easter Seals and worked with voter registration. She was the recipient of a citation from Washington commending her for her work. Sister Dudley was also an active member of the NAACP and an officer in the PTA’s of every school her children attended.

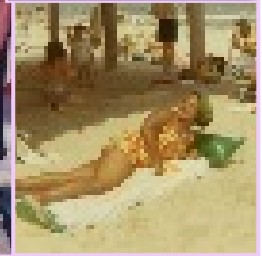
She was employed by Orbach’s Department Store in Newark, New Jersey for many years. A trailblazer, she was the first employee of color hired to work in the Buyer’s department, and on the floor as a sales clerk. She also was a columnist for the Newark Herald, an African American owned newspaper no longer in existence. All the social news of any importance could be found in her weekly column.

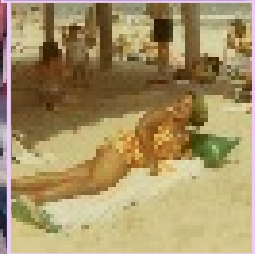
Sister Dudley lived a life of service to God, family, church, and community. She will be sorely missed and remembered for her soft-spoken, kind, and gentle manner. She personified dignity and elegance, a true lady.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, Sister Dudley was predeceased by her grandson, Thomas Booker III, and her brothers, Aaron, Webster, Charles, and Arthur Warren.

She is survived by her devoted children, Ethel Mayo Booker, husband Thomas Jr., Abdul-Qawiyy Muhammad aka Randolph Mayo Jr., his fiancée Beverly Williams, Helen Virginia Mayo LaSure, husband Raymond; grandson, Rahman LaSure; great granddaughter, Ruby Mae LaSure; sisters, Phyllis Landis and Janie Jackson, husband Roland; brothers, Henry Warren, wife Thelma, and Raymond Warren, wife Dorothy, “adopted” daughter, Alphair Murph; and step-granddaughter, Carla Letbetter. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her beloved church family.









Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Invocation

Opening Hymn.....“God Will Take Care Of You”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121.....*Ethel Booker*

New Testament- John 14:1-7.....*Renee Johnson*

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Jean Cheek

Acknowledgements & Resolution.....Elsie Best

Remarks.....Reverend Elizabeth Campbell
Pastor Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church

Philemon Baptist Church

Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Family Reflections.....Abdul-Qawiyy Muhammad
Virginia LaSure

Obituary.....Hazel Barnes
President, Philemon Missionary Society

Solo.....Jean Cheek

Eulogy.....Pastor Edward Allen

Recessional..... “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Montclair, New Jersey

Repast

Will be held at the church following interment.

Pall Bearers

Rahman LaSure Ronald Johnson
Mark Warren Craig Landis
Salah Ali Steven Johnson

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown them during the passing of their loved one. May God bless each and every one of you.

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