

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Doris Randolph*



*Sunrise*  
October 18, 1947

*Sunset*  
January 24, 2015

**Service**  
Sunday, February 1, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**  
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**Rev. Edward Culvert, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Doris Randolph** was a legend in our family, in the community, and in Narcotics Anonymous, and as such her shoes are far too deep to ever be filled in this lifetime. Simply put, no one could ever replace her. She was born in Harlem, NY on October 18, 1947 to her loving parents, Lula Reese and Thomas Randolph. She was the youngest of eight children. She was loved and protected by her seven older siblings, Eleanor, Dorothy, Joan, Barbara, Tony, Richard, and Joseph, all born and raised in New York City. Doris was a proud Harlem resident until her very last day.

Doris was educated in the New York City Public School system. She obtained her high school diploma from Julia Richmond High School. Doris graduated Summa Cum Laude (highest honor degree) from City College New York, receiving her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees simultaneously, in addition to getting halfway through the PHD program. She maintained an excellent grade point average throughout, even while working two jobs. She was extremely intelligent, well read, and well versed in a variety of subjects and topics. It was not uncommon to see her studying late into the night and then getting up at sunrise to get to school and work. She seemed almost tireless to family and friends. She was quickly promoted at work to Management due to her superior intellectual skills, quick mind, intense drive and focus, and ability to multitask and juggle many assignments with ease and capability. Her colleagues at NDRI (National Research and Development Institute) were amazed by the huge workload Doris could handle with ease.

Doris was also an amazing supporter and helper of her family, friends, neighbors, community, church, as well as throughout Narcotics Anonymous. She gave thousands of dollars to help others with no thought of selfishness. She gave right out of her own fridge, freezer and pocket without a second thought. She helped to save friends and family members from eviction, lights out, and many other life emergencies and calamities, without ever asking for the same in return. She helped family members out of jail, assisted others to gain employment, took care of several friends and family members who were terminally ill with HIV in a loving and fearless manner, and never said no to a single request from her peers in Narcotics Anonymous, an organization which she loved with all her heart. At the time of her passing she was 27 years proudly clean and sober.

Doris leaves behind an entire community and extended family who will long mourn her passing. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lula Davis, father, Thomas Randolph, sister, Eleanor, and brothers, Richard and Joseph. She now transitions on to join them in peaceful eternity along with her niece, Victoria, and Victoria's youngest daughter, Sheryl. She leaves behind an entire family in deep mourning, including but not limited to: Her son, Barry and adopted son, Christopher, her sisters, Joan, Dorothy, Barbara and her brother, Tony, her beloved granddaughter, Brianna, sister-in-law, Marie, nephews, Harold, Joseph, Claude II, Khalid, Michael, nieces, Crystal, Malikah, Angela, Christopher, Ciara, Christian, Stacy, Thomas III, Imhotep, Curtis, Aaliyah, Jazmine and Jada, friends, Karen, Virgil, Tex, Darlene and hundreds of other family members, friends, Narcotics Anonymous peers, and community members who looked up to Doris as a legend and role model. Doris held many titles...mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, godmother to her entire family and community.

Greatness has smiled upon us when she took us all under her broad shoulders and wings, and we are in awe of the huge footprints she left behind in all our lives. We salute you Doris, and will never forget you...

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Recessional**

*Final Disposition*

Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# *I'm 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

## *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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