

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Marion Dortch**

*Sunrise*

February 13, 1947

*Sunset*

May 8, 2015



**Service**

Friday, May 15, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**Heard A.M.E Church**

310 East 8th Avenue • Roselle, New Jersey  
*Reverend Archie Cummings, Jr., Pastor*  
*Reverend George H. White, Jr., Officiating*

# *Life Reflections*

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

*Mrs. Marion Dortch* was born on February 13, 1947 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the second of eight children born to William Alexander Carter, Sr. and Julia Ann Stradford Carter.

Marion spent her early years in Roselle, New Jersey, where she was educated in the Roselle Public School system. After high school, she was employed as an Executive Secretary at the Exxon Corporation (currently known as Conoco Phillips Corporation) until her retirement in early 2003. She was highly respected by her fellow co-workers and enjoyed their camaraderie.

Marion married James Dortch, Jr. in 1972 and moved to Hillside where they happily resided for the last forty-three years. This union did not produce any children, but Marion took great pride and joy in their multitude of nieces and nephews.

Following retirement, Marion traveled extensively to exotic places like Alaska and European locales such as Italy and Paris, just to name a few. She enjoyed the finer things in life and especially enjoyed sharing her stories with the family. Marion was a student of finance and always took the time to educate her nieces and nephews about investing at an early age to secure a brighter future.

Marion had her Christian training at Guiding Star UHC of America in Roselle, New Jersey, under the late Bishop Elijah Holmes.

On Friday, May 8, 2015, Mrs. Marion Dortch departed this life quietly and peacefully at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey with over twenty of her closest family and friends by her side.

Marion was predeceased by her parents, as well as her sisters, Earline Carter Arnold, Julia Ann Baskerville and brother, Roland "Bop" Carter.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, James William Dortch, Jr. of Hillside, New Jersey; sister, Diane Fullman of Linden, New Jersey; three brothers, William Carter, Jr. (Carol) of Roselle, New Jersey, Charles Carter (Gail) of Roselle, New Jersey, and Gregory Carter (Edith) of Rahway, New Jersey; aunt, Marie "Nan" Stradford-Winston-McCray (Charles) of Palm Coast, Florida; mother-in-law, Clarissa Horton of Salem; god-daughter, Joy Widgeon; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Processional.....	Clergy
Hymn of Comfort.....“Abide With Me”.....	#495
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Rosie Copes
Hymn.....“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”.....	#307
Scriptures.....	Reverend George H. White, Jr.
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Selection.....	Pastor James E. Moore
Words of Comfort .....	Bishop Wayne L. Johnson
Family Tribute.....	Marion McCray
Reflections (two minutes please)	
Acknowledgement of Condolences and Resolutions	
Solo.....	Mother Mariah Holmes
Reading of the Obituary.....	Edith Carter
Eulogy.....	Reverend George H. White, Jr.
Recessional.....“It Is Well Within My Soul”.....	#448

**Interment**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

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## Pallbearers

Nephews of **Mrs. Marion Dortch**



### *Afterglow*

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

### Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Marion Dortch** 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.

