

In Loving Memory

of

"Mother of the Church"

Dolores Mathis

May 13, 1943 – August 24, 2015



Saturday, August 29, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Faith Temple Church

57 Prospect Street

East Orange, NJ 07017

Bishop Aaron L. Hobbs, Sr., Pastor

Pastor Yvette F. Anderson

Obituary

Dolores Mathis was born on May 13, 1943, in Newark, New Jersey, to the late Robert Watts and the late Beatrice Viola Day. Born Dolores Day she received her elementary and high school education through the Newark school system. Dolores graduated from Central High School in 1961. As a young adult Dolores enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Dolores was an accomplished seamstress who enjoyed sewing prom and wedding dresses for her family and friends. She loved sewing and would always find reason to do so whether for graduation or any other special occasion.

In 1971, Dolores began her career as an Accounts Payable worker to later become a Supervisor at UMDNJ known as College Hospital of Newark, NJ. After 40 years of service Dolores successfully retired in June 2011 from the Financial Aid Department. During her career Dolores met several milestones in her life, in 1977 she gave birth to her first and only child that she affectionately called “Miss. Ann”. In 1982 she became an active member of Faith Temple New Hope Church under the leadership of the late, Honorable Bishop Dr. Milton A. Hobbs, where she was baptized and received the gift of the Holy Ghost in 1985.

Dolores was a faithful member that loved her church. She actively served on several auxiliaries. Amongst those auxiliaries were the missionary board, the willing workers (clean up committee of the church), food pantry, kitchen committee, prayer band, communion board and baptismal committee.

As a teacher/role model and mentor Dolores later encouraged the young people to partake in some of those same auxiliaries which she became the overseer. She molded the young people to gain a love and dedication for Christ through those auxiliaries. Through her inspiration the young people would volunteer to feed the homeless once a month on Saturday at the Lincoln Motel in East Orange on Evergreen Place.

Dolores mostly enjoyed working in ministry reaching souls through the *baptismal committee* and *outreach communion* ministry, she instilled within those Ministers, Deacons and Elders what was taught by “her Bishop” to always go out in twos, Mark 6:7. She enjoyed working with the Deacons, young Ministers in the Gospel and Elders in outreach ministry confirming appropriate hospital etiquette. She enjoyed being used by the Lord making connections with many believers across the state. Dolores secretly visited the sick. She fed and clothed those that were in need with no boast, just grateful

to be a blessing to someone. Her favorite saying was *“Let the work I’ve done speak for me”*. Dolores always reminded herself that *“we are nothing but filthy dirty rags, and she must take a blood bath daily, because she is trying to make it in”*.

Because of the bond that was created by so many, Dolores became a mother to many and was known to most as “Ma Dee” or “Ma Mathis”. Although Dolores has never birthed any sons, she spiritually adopted two sons as though she naturally birthed them. Dolores had a special place in her heart that could never be replaced by another for them.

Dolores, as much as she was involved with church activities she was just as much if not more involved with her daughter’s social and school life. Dolores became the “team mom” of every activity and sport that her “Miss Ann” participated in, from track mom, to softball mom. Dolores was known as the car pooler and the team car was the ‘Monarch’.

Dolores’ home doors were always open to all youth for choir rehearsals, after hour’s party after watch night service or just for Friday night hangouts, and she believed in feeding everyone.

The greatest joy in Dolores’ life is when she became a grandmother for the first time in 2003 (Ranai) and was overwhelmed with joy with her reincarnated, old soul baby in 2013 (Malia).

Dolores was a very loving and caring person that truly had great faith in God, no matter how difficult things appeared she never gave up on God. She was a Christ driven person that always had words of encouragement and love for everyone that she touched.

After Dolores diagnosis in November of 2011, she endured two surgeries and ongoing treatment. Her strength of endurance came through her belief in Christ and the love of her daughter and granddaughters. Dolores continued to hold on to God’s hand and always knew that God would bring her through victoriously.

On August 24, 2015 Dolores became victorious and entered glory surrounded by family and now resides with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Left to cherish loving memories are one daughter Barbara Ann Washington and son-n-love Michael Andrew Washington, three grandchildren Ranai Marlice Jones, Malia Zanai Washington and Zya Ashley Washington, two spiritual sons Keith David Bellamy, Deacon Jeff ‘Jazz’ Cofield, one spiritual daughter Crystal Nadia Ramsey, one sister Gloria ‘Janet’ Gary of Clinton, SC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a special friend Diane Atwell and a host of others who loved her very much".

Order of Service

Prelude

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Praise & Worship.....Faith Temple Praise Team

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Aaron L. Hobbs

Scripture

Old Testament.....Asst. Pastor Darlene Peterson

New Testament.....Eld. Patricia Petway

SelectionPastor Fondrea Lewis

Reflections (3 minutes please)Diane Atwell
Eld. Antonio Burnett

TributeChildren/Grandchildren

AcknowledgementsFirst Lady Shirley Washington

Selection.....Pastor Fondrea Lewis

ObituaryFirst Lady Shirley Washington

SelectionFaith Temple Church Choir
Min. Toby Carson

Words of Comfort Dr. Jennifer Hill
Pastor Joseph Washington
Pastor Yvette F. Anderson
Bishop Aaron L. Hobbs

Final Viewing/Musical Selection Min. Toby Carson

Benediction/Recessional

Interment Rosedale Cemetery, Linden, NJ

Repast will take place immediately following the burial at the
Faith Temple Church Banquet Hall
All are welcomed to attend



Memories





Precious Memories





Sweet

Memories



The Magic Of A Mother's Touch

There's magic in mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both love and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.

-Author unknown

Pallbearers

Michael Washington
Raymond Cheeks
Jeffrey Samuel

Raheem Bagley
Jeff 'Jazz' Cofield
Rakim Singelton

Acknowledgement

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