A Celebration of Life for

Dorothy Lee Cureton-Mason

Sunrise
March 14, 1921

Sunset
March 10, 2013

Home Going Service
Thursday, March 14, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul Life Center
355 Badger Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07112
Reverend Hilton Rawls Sr., Officiating
Obituary

Dorothy Lee Cureton-Mason, lovingly known as Dot, was the younger of two children, born to the late Julia and Louie Cureton Sr. on March 14, 1921 at 324 Willow Street in Lynchburg, Virginia. Dorothy was educated at Winchester High School in Monroe, NC. In 1937 at the age of sixteen, she and her family moved to Newark, NJ and she began to work as a cook alongside her mother. At the age seventeen, she had her son, Arthur Walker, on December 4, 1938. Arthur tragically drowned at the age of 7.

Dorothy met and later married David Mason on March 14, 1953. She devoted most of her life to caring for others. In 1962, Dorothy began to take care of children in her home servicing friends and neighbors who were in need. She cared for many children, providing supreme quality and individualized care to each child in her custody. Dorothy will be remembered for her nurturing heart, love, spirituality, and immeasurable strength. She loved God, family, friends, laughter, wrestling, helping others, fishing, and telling jokes.

She was a mother to many children earning her the title of a “Special Mom.” Dorothy cared for and raised: Christine and Inez Mobley, Don Mobley-Lee, Raheem Wilson, Bridget Robinson, Carolyn Thomas, Karen Little, and Kaseem Williams. She leaves to cherish her memory: her grandchildren, Charles Thomas, Blair Mobley, Todd and Dorian Perdue, Veronica and Jason Little, and one great grandson, William Devoe.

Dorothy was preceded in death by: her son, Arthur Walker, father Louie Cureton Sr., mother, Julia Cureton, brother, Louie Cureton Jr., nephew, Louie Cureton Jr., and nieces, Cornelia and Juanita Cureton. She leaves to cherish her memory her nieces and nephews, Ronald and Andrew Cureton, Abdur-Raheem Mubarak, Melvin, Tonya, and Adrian Cureton; and a host of grand and great grand nieces and nephews.
Musical Prelude

Processional ............................. Ministers and Family

Invocation

Musical Selection .......................... Lashawanda Booker

Poem .................................................. Blair Mobley

Obituary ........................................ Kisha and Shantay Cureton

Musical Selection ............................ Jessica Robinson

Poem .................................................. Veronica Little

Scripture Reading ............................. John 14:1-12

Remarks and Acknowledgements ........ Family and Friends

Eulogy ................................................. Pastor Hilton Rawls Sr.
St. Paul “Life Center”

Final Disposition
Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Pall Bearers
Todd Perdue    Dorian Perdue
Raheem Wilson   Don Mobley-Lee
Romel Cureton   Walter Dixon
Carry On My Children

Carry on my children
And do not weep.
For today is not the end
But instead the beginning.
Carry on my children
You must be strong
For I am home with the Lord
And I am free from all that ails me.
Carry on my children
And keep my memory alive
Remember our laughter
And all the joys we shared.
So until we meet again
Carry on my dear children
For one day we will all be free.

Come To Me

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered “Come to me”
The days of toil and nights of pain
The weary hours have passed
The patient gentle worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
Day and night we stood by her
And saw her in pain,
Anxiously awaiting her cure
But our waiting was in vain.
God who knoweth all things best
Eased her suffering, gave her rest
She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will our memories fade
Sweetest thoughts of her
will ever linger
Round the place where she rests.
-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

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