

## Obituary



Born on December 22, 1929 or December 26, 1928 in Denmark, South Carolina, **Jannie Washington** came into this world with two different birthdays. Perhaps the midwife couldn't decide what year or date. However, her parents, Alfred and Ezular Duncan knew, but her family enjoyed celebrating her birthday twice.

Jannie was called "Sister" because if you got to know her...she made you feel like you were her sister. As a child, Jannie was always the one who wanted to be helpful and take

care of everyone. All her life she remained true to who she was...a giver. Having five brothers and three sisters kept her busy.

Jannie married George Washington (deceased) in the late 1940's and moved to Brooklyn where she had her four children, Janie, George, Jr., Steven (deceased) and Dwayne "Pearl" Washington (deceased).

Jannie didn't finish her education, but always emphasized the importance of a good education. She worked many years as a factory worker until she realized her calling and that was providing a loving home to children in need of love. She became a foster mother of five children, Gary, Steven, Nicole, Maleeka and Donald which she adopted years later.

Jannie was always affiliated with a church. As the years passed, she felt she had a spiritual calling to do "God's Work". She showed this leaning by opening her heart and home to many in need of a helping hand. She became a deaconess at St. Luke's Church and later the mother of Charity Baptist Church of Christ.

On Sunday, July 16, 2017, Jannie Washington departed this life at Jamaica Hospital, Jamaica, New York from complications with her lungs, heart and kidneys.

Jannie is survived by: daughters, Janie Washington-Bennett, Nicole Washington and Maleeka Washington; sons, George "Beaver" Washington, Jr., Steven Clyde Washington, Gary Washington and Donald Washington; daughter-in-law, Annette Washington; sister, Martha Brown; brother, Elijah Duncan; brother-in-law, George Geter; grandchildren, Tamara Bryant, Vaughn Bennett, Earlena Washington, Monette Washington-Oden, Monae Washington, George Washington III, Reginald Rollock, Jabri Jackson, Dwayne A. Washington, Jr., Damira Washington, Tatiana Washington, Tammy Lewis, Stephanie Washington, Shawnta Washington, Sharise Washington, Daunté White, Amora Washington-Brown, Meloni Washington-Brown, Steven Clyde Washington, Jr. and Eva Washington; great-grands; greatgreat-grands; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Eva Bartel
Processional	
Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - John 14:1-6Evan	
Musical Selection	
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Melvin Artis
Musical Selection	
Obituary	Earlena Washington
Acknowledgements and Condolences	
Musical Selection	Charity Love Ensemble
RemarksAudie	nce (2 Minutes Please)
Musical Selection	
Eulogy	
Recessional	

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery

Kew Gardens, New York

By Janie Washington-Bennett

When you walk in the sand, you leave an impression, "A Footprint."

That impression disappears after a few days and it is gone forever.

But, a footprint in someone's heart can last forever when it represents love.

That is what Mother Washington, our Mom has left in the hearts of many...pure love.

In her 87 years, she has opened her home to the abandoned, homeless and the spiritually bankrupt.

She would always say that she was doing "God's Work."

Anyone who crossed her path, who needed help was welcomed.

This was who our Mom was.

She was a helping hand which was full of love.

May the footprints left on the many hearts by Jannie Washington continue to be a living proof of the earnest intentional heart-centered love that she had for all.

God Bless Our Mother!!

## 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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