

The Celebration of Life

of

*D*elores (Dee) *A*ntoine

SUNRISE: April 11, 1935 - SUNSET: August 6, 2017

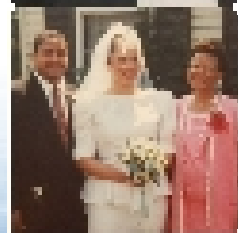
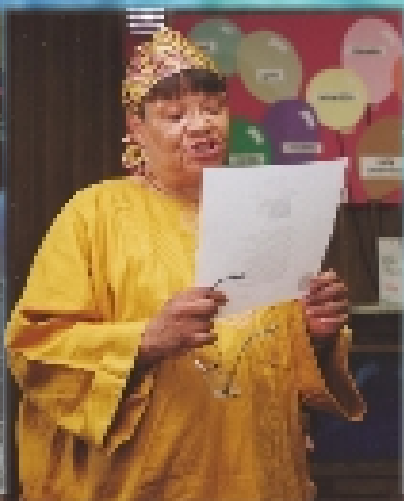


**Service:**

Monday, August 14, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**ST. PETER'S CLAVER CHURCH**

56 Elmwood Avenue • Montclair, New Jersey  
**Reverend Zephyrin K. Katompa, Officiating**



## Obituary

**Delores (Dee) Antoine** was born on April 11, 1935 in Newark, New Jersey. She was the third of five children born to the late Viola Perry Davis and Robert Davis. She attended Newark Public Schools and graduated from Barringer High School in 1953. She matriculated at Newark State Teachers College and ultimately received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Education from Kean University in 1978 and 1986 respectively.

Dee was a master teacher of early childhood education for 37 years. She taught for 12 years with the Newark HeadStart Program and 25 years with the Montclair Board of Education as a kindergarten and first grade teacher until her retirement in 2003. Dee authored numerous plays and poems to inspire her emerging scholars and to propel them in their quest for knowledge. Many heralded Dee's indomitable drive for excellence, historical knowledge and limitless love of children:

Distinguished Achievement Award - 1986

Judy and Josh Weston Award - 1993

Governor's Teacher Recognition - 1986

NAACP Recognition - 2000

Kappa Delta Pi - 1986

Judy and Josh Weston Award - 2003

She married Henry Lawrence Antoine, Jr in 1956 and four children blessed this union: Kathy, Henry, Veda and Marcia. Dee's children were her pride, joy and treasure. She loved sharing news of their accomplishments and exploits. Dee was a tireless and loving steward for her faith and church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, where she was a lecturer for

the 6AM Sunday mass and parish council member. Dee was also a faithful worshiper at St Peter of Claver.

Dee was kind, generous and loving. Her door and arms were always wide open to anyone in need. Dee reveled in the glory of her students. Dee often watched her students in her home or assisted with school transportation at a moment's notice. However, Dee considered with pride her nine grandchildren as her greatest accomplishments and lasting legacy. The words she continuously impressed upon her grandchildren were the words she herself lived – education is your only key and family is your true wealth. Dee was and will continue to be an inspiration to many.

Husband Henry, parents Viola and Robert, sisters Odessa Jones and Margaret Jones and brothers George Davis and Nedham Davis, precedes Dee in death.

Dee lived a life well done! Dee's long, honorable and fruitful earthly life ceased on Sunday, August 6, 2017. She leaves behind her children to cherish her loving memory: Kathy Antoine-Smith (Bruce) of North Brunswick NJ, Henry L. Antoine (Ercell) of East Orange NJ, Veda Antoine of Montclair NJ and Marcia Bailey (Herbert) of Columbia SC. Nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one sister, Dorothy Wright of Chicago IL, scores of nieces, nephews, relatives and loving friends that loved her dearly.

# Order of Service

**Musical Prelude**

**Reception of the Body**

**Entrance Music**

**Introduction to the Celebration**

**Opening Prayer**

**Old Testament**

Corinthians 15: 51-57 - Leslie Wright-Brown

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Holy Gospel**

**Homily**

**General Intercessions**

**Solo**

“Amazing Grace” - Brianna Bailey

**Presentation of Gifts**

**Communion**

**Solo**

“This To Shall Pass” - Brianna Bailey

**Remarks**

Ahava Felicidad (Former Student)

**Final Commendation**

**Music of the Egression**

**INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

*Repast*

*Sandwiches Unlimited,*

*23 North Center Street, Orange, NJ*

### Pall Bearers

Chandler Bailey

Dasselin Theodore

Tyler Bailey

Daniel Bailey

Justin Smith

Kindra Bailey

Chad Robinson

## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me To be a happy  
one, I'd like to leave an afterglow Of  
smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave  
an echo Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times And  
bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of  
those who grieve To dry before the sun Of  
happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.  
Helen Lowrie Marshall

### In Appreciation

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation  
the many kind deeds and comforting expression of  
sympathy extended to them at this time.

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