

*Service for the Celebration of the Life of*  
*Margaret Dawson*

Sunrise: July 12, 1920  
Sunset: April 9, 2018

Monday, April 16, 2018 – 10:00 am

**Elizabeth Ave. -Weequahic  
Presbyterian Church**

761 Elizabeth Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07112  
**CRE Doris C. Peterson, Pastor**



## Obituary

**Margaret** was born July 12, 1920 in Newark, NJ to James and Bessie Costley.

She attended school in Newark, NJ. The Miller Street Grammar School where she graduated in June 1934 and South Side High School (now called Shabazz) in June 1938.

On April 24, 1946, Margaret became the wife of the late Augustus L. Dawson. She was the mother of Patricia and the late Steven J. Dawson.

She was employed during WWII with the Government ODB (Office of Dependency Benefits). She worked at the Newark Board of Education as clerk-typist for a while in the 1960's. She retired from Prudential in 1986 after sixteen years as clerk typist.

Margaret attended church throughout her lifetime, and was an ordained Deacon at Central Presbyterian Church, Newark in 1961. She later became a member of Elizabeth Ave-Weequahic Presbyterian Church.

She attended the O'Donnell Senior Citizen Center in Elizabeth, NJ and the Hillside Senior Center, Hillside, NJ.

Margaret enjoyed sewing her own clothes and doing needlecraft work. She also enjoyed making quilts, baby blankets and all types of things that she would give as gifts to many family members and friends.

She was the family historian. She kept records of every event in the family. If you needed a phone number or address of a relative she had it. She could tell you the dates of family births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. She always read the newspaper and would cut out any and save any articles about family member and friends whether it was good or bad.

Margaret loved attending Broadway shows and movies and would take the bus or train to NYC whenever she wanted. She liked family trips to Wildwood, NJ and the casinos. She loved to travel and was always going on bus trips and tours to many places in the US and Europe.

She was predeceased by her husband Gus, son Steven, son-in law Charles Morton, sister Charlotte Claytor and a host of in-laws.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia; sisters, Bessie Green of Hillside, NJ and Doris Whittington of Philadelphia; brother-in-law, Irving Dawson (Edna) of Georgia; sister-in-law, Charlene Dawson of Maryland; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection

Reflections

Acknowledgements

Musical Selection

Reading of Reflections of Life

Eulogy

Doris C. Peterson

Musical Selection

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

*Repast to follow interment at the church.*

# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Margaret Dawson** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for thoughtfulness and concern.

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