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Sunrise 1.12 .4 8
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Service

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Soloist

Obituary

Acknowledgements

Eulogy

Soloist

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey*



Obituary

On July 4, 2019, the angels came early to claim Iona Louise Charlton. She was born on January 12, 1948 to Dorothy Mae Charlton in New York City. Iona grew up on 117th Street between Park and Madison, a neighborhood known to be an "Entire Family." Iona was the second daughter of six children to Dorothy. Growing up, Iona worshipped at Mount Mariah Baptist Church on 117th Street. Iona was a Junior Elks Star. She attended PS 103 Elementary School on 119th Street, Cooper Junior High School on 120th and Madison and Julia Richmond High School.

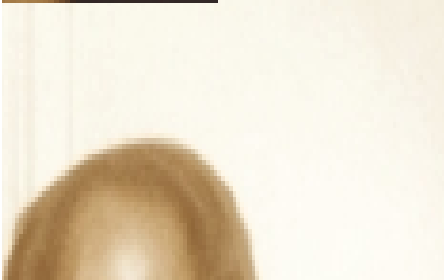
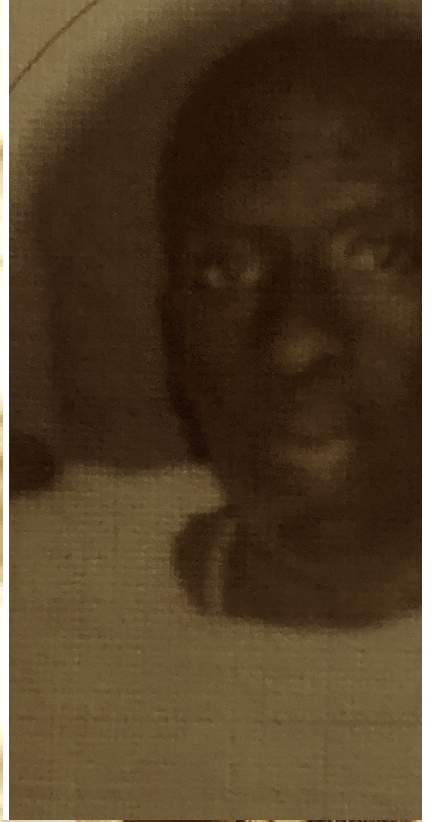
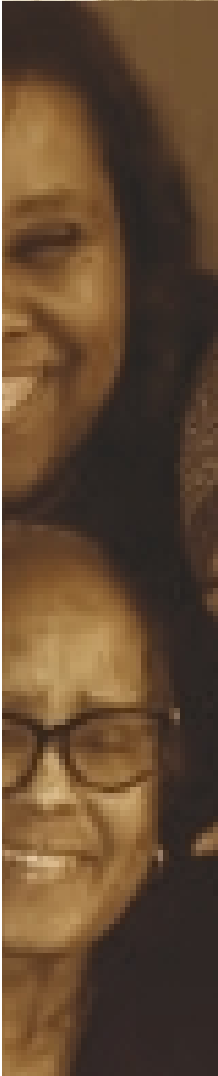
As a child Iona participated in African dance, attended Girls Scouts, summer day camp at Metropolitan Baptist Church and sleepaway camp at Oh-Neh-Tah Girls Vacation Fund. In 1968, Iona and Lorenzo Hearn united to give birth to her only child, Dorothy Hearn. Iona worked for summer youth programs as a teenager. As an adult she went on to work as a bookkeeper for Ralph Lauren. Iona spent the remaining of her career working for New York City Department of Human Resources as a clerical worker until retirement.

Iona was very well known in her community due to her leadership. She headed up after school programs which provided the kids in the community a safe haven to congregate with friends as they did their homework, played games and had snacks. Iona was Tenant Patrol Supervisor where she engaged other tenants into protecting their home by volunteering to spend thirty minutes to an hour in the evening to monitor the building for safety measures.

Iona was always full of life and spirit. She had a host of childhood friends who she continued to share their friendship for 66 plus years.

Iona leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Dorothy Hearn; granddaughter, Damorie Hearn; sisters, Joyce Johnson and Myra Cole; brother, Charles Charlton; brother-in-law, Theo Cole; nieces, Yvonne, Quawana, Lisa, Cathy, Makeda and Tionaka; nephews, William, Morris, Damany and Theodore III; grandnephew, Julian; grandniece, Talia; cousins, Vivian, Evelyn, Ronald, Travis, Ernest, Cheryl, Maureen Lavenna, Deidra and Edward III; sisters and family in life, Marie & Roe, Cowans, Davis, Dorsete, Myers, Hearn, Head, Bethea, Everet and Jackson (both Martha and Ulailah family.)

Iona was preceded by her mother, Dorothy; grandmother, Beora; aunt, Teborah; brothers, Hozia and Morris; and nephew, Mark.



Dear Sister

*Together on life's journey
We have traveled....you and me
Sharing all the joys of life
Keeping each other company

Sharing lots of happy times
And sometimes sharing tears
Always leaning on each other
Together through the years

And no matter where life leads us
Dear sister, know it's true
It has been a joy to travel
Down the road of life with you*

*From
Iona's Siblings*

M o m m y

I could not have asked for a better mother than you. We have a bond that is ever so close that even in your absence it is unbreakable. I am thankful to you for your courage, strength, support and love that you have given me. You stood strong no matter what obstacles you faced. You are my hero and I will love you until the end of time. I will carry you within me always.

Love always,

Dottie

G r a n d m a

You were my second parent who helped my mom raise me. You were my original best friend who I enjoyed going on long walks with after school while we shared jelly munchkins from Dunkin, watching Matlock re-runs while we ate bacon and egg sandwiches, getting our hair done together on Sunday afternoons and so much more. You taught me not to take no mess but also how to be kind and giving. I'm really gonna miss you but I'm happy you're finally at peace. See you later alligator.

Rest in Peace Grandma

Love you always and forever,

Cookie

T o M y T i t i l o n a

Words, can't begin to express how much I miss you! Your passing has truly left a void that can never be filled. I will forever cherish all of my memories of you, especially how you made me laugh, let me feed you and how you would always smile for me. The little things makes my heart happy. You were a true fighter til the very end. My no nonsense auntie.

I love you now and forever,

Yvonne

S h e i s M y S i s t e r

And I love her. God blessed her. May she rest in peace.

Marie

Acknowledgement

The family of **Iona Charlton** 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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