

*In Loving Memory*



*Evangelist*  
*Mary S. Dunston*

Date of Life: September 12, 1943  
Date of Going Home: November 10, 2020

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 - 12:00 NOON**

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey  
*Bishop Frank Dupree, Officiating*

## Obituary

Evangelist Mary S. Dunston (Gupton), beloved daughter of the late William "Doc" Gupton and Dora Lee Gupton (Braswell) was born on September 12, 1943 in Springhope, N.C., the youngest of 10 children.

She departed this life on November 10, 2020 at Montclair Care Center after a valiant battle with cancer.

Mary ventured from N.C. at an early age and made her way to Baltimore for some time before settling in Newark, NJ. In 1975, she began what was a long career working for N.J. Transit as a Cleaner. She loved her job and thoroughly enjoyed meeting people until her retirement in 2015.

During this time, Mary met the love of her life John Dunston and they were happily married in May of 1976 until John's death on July 4, 1989.

Mary's love of Music, Movies, Shopping (especially wigs, perfume, and handbags), and Cooking (oh, that Coconut Cake!) were only matched and exceeded by her love of God and reading His Word.

She was a devoted Evangelist, Missionary, and Prayer Warrior. She attended services at Christian Outreach in Clifton, NJ, Holy Temple in Easton, PA and served her final years as the Mother of Living Water Church in N. Arlington, N.J. Her life's work was dedicated to being a blessing to those around her and helping anyone in need. She took great pleasure in her mission and could make anyone feel the love of Christ through her warmth.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory her brothers James "Winnie" Gupton and Jesse Gupton; her favorite nephews Johnny Ray Harrison and Randy Harrison; her spiritual god-daughter Kathy L. Mayo and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, spiritual sons, spiritual daughters and spiritual grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband John Dunston; her parents William Gupton and Dora Lee Gupton; her four sisters Laurene Richardson, Lessie Mae Cheek, Marie "Croddie" Gupton, and Doreatha Harrison; and her three brothers Johnny Gupton, Jerry Lee Gupton, and Ivery Gupton.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Pastor Carolyn Johnson

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Elder Deborah Felder

Prayer of Comfort

Expressions

Elder Deborah Felder

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Obituary

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Pastor Carolyn Johnson

Eulogy

Bishop Frank Dupree

Living Water Church

North Arlington, NJ

Recessional

## *Interment*

Fairmount Cemetery & Crematory

620 Central Avenue

Newark, NJ 07107



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Evangelist Mary S. Dunston** 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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