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Dora Lee Cohen

Sunrise May 21, 1940 Sunset January 10, 2021

Friday, January 22, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

209 Broadway, Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. D'Andra Johnson, Pastor Rev. Keith Oden, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

Dora Lee (Cauthen) Cohen departed this life to her eternal rest with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

She was born May 21, 1940 to Booker T. Cauthen Sr. and Rosa Lee (McCaskill) Cauthen in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her family shortly thereafter relocated to Paterson, NJ where Dora attended Paterson Public Schools and successfully completed the Adult Learning Center Program.

She worked at North Jersey Developmental Center, Totowa for 25 years as a Cottage Training Tech and Speech Therapist. She received many certificates and recognition for her loyalty during her work career. Upon retirement she still received various awards such as from the Human Resources Development Institute Program, she received recognition for; Valuing Diversity, Producing Customer Service and the Defensive and Physical Control Tech for Behavior Management Systems.

Dora found great pleasure in supporting various Democratic candidates for election and re-election such as; Senator Corey Booker, Bob Menendez, William (Bill) Pascrell, Nellie Pou, Sherriff Berdnik, and Mayor Andre Sayegh to name a few. She was a trailblazer as a volunteer to move the political arena. She was instrumental in Passaic County for helping to get President Barack Obama elected, with registering voters, and canvassing (walking) tirelessly. Dora actively supported the Democratic Party Paterson Grassroots movement and was one of the early organizers, which included leading volunteer phone banks. She was known as the energizer bunny. She had the ability to connect and motivate people to vote. One of her proudest moments was attending the 2012 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in her birth place of Charlotte North Carolina.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, two brothers Booker T II and Walter James Cauthen, two sisters Shirley Mascuch and Margaret Carlos. She was predeceased by son John (Ricky) Holmes, daughter Freda Holmes.

She leaves to cherish precious memories are her two sons William (Billy) and Wayne Holmes, stepsons Juan Carlos (Carmen) Morales and Marko (Marcia) Morales, grandchildren Rickisha White, Kihrie, Keyana and Justin Holmes, and a host of nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Order of Service

Selection	My Soul's been Anchored
Scripture Reading	Minister Janide A. Matthews-Chillis
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer of Comfort	Della McCall- Fischer
Selection	God Is
Acknowledgements & R	eflections of LifeDenise Smith
Obituary	Denise Smith
Eulogy	Pastor D'andra' Johnson
	New Shiloh Missionary Full Gospel Church
Recessional Hymn	I'm Going up Yonder

<u>Interment</u>
Laurel Grove Cemetery & Mausoleum 295 Totowa Ave. Totowa, New Jersey

"My Request"
Please don't say that I gave up
just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle, For it was God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, That's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve. No extras, just my due.

Please don't give flowers, or talk in harsh tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I have made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, its over and done. Just see to all my family needs.
The battle has been won! When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong.... So use all of your paint.

Not just the bright and light tones. Use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvas, just paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember all the good times, but remember all the bad, For life is full of many things. Some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something, then I have one last request: Forgive me for the wrongs I've done as God has and with the love that's left, Thank God for my soul's resting. Thank God for all who loved me, and praise God who love me more.

To my family whom I love dearly, my last request is to look after Wayne, remember him as I have remembered you in some kind of way. I'm at peace now. I'm home with the master. No more sadness only happiness forever.

Acknowledgment

The family of **Dora Cohen** sincerely appreciates the many acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement.

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