

*Celebrating the Life  
of*



*Annie C. Dodson*

Sunrise  
December 19, 1938

Sunset  
March 19, 2021

Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 6pm

**Second Canaan Baptist Church**  
12 Malcolm X Blvd  
New York, NY 10026  
*Pastor Wesley Wilson Jr.*  
*Organist David Wyatt*

# Obituary

**Annie C. Dodson** was born December 19, 1938 to the late James and Addie DeVaughn in Clinton, NC. She departed this life on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 5:33pm in Mount Sinai Hospital, New York.

At an early age Annie professed her faith in Christ and joined Morning Star Holiness Baptist Church in Clinton, NC where she and her family were active members. She received her primary and secondary education at Sampson Training School in Clinton, NC where she enjoyed and excelled in the sport of basketball. Annie graduated from Sampson Training School in 1956.

She married the late Billy L. Dodson, Sr in June 1961 after he completed his military service. They relocated to New York City. She joined Second Canaan Baptist Church in Manhattan, NY where she was an active member up until her passing. After her retirement from Local 32BJ she spent the remainder of her career working for a prominent family until she retired in 2017.

Annie was preceded in death by her sister Irice “Jannette” McBean. Annie leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory: her daughter, Shelia DeVaughn, Seattle, WA; two sons, Billy L. Dodson, Jr. (Catherine-wife) and Billy L. Dodson, III; two granddaughters, Kiaraskye and Madison Dodson, Goddaughter Shakira Thomas, and a beloved friend Annie Fagan (NY); along with a host of relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

*Processional- no due to covid*

*Opening Hymn*

*Scripture*  
*Old- Psalms 23*  
*New- John 14 1-6*

*Prayer of comfort*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgement/Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

Sand Hill Cemetery  
Clinton, North Carolina

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!  
-author unknown

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Annie C. Dodson** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.  
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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