



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Mrs. Dorothy L. Ward*

*Sunrise*  
*April 15, 1922*

*Sunset*  
*March 24, 2021*

*Service*  
*Tuesday, April 6, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey  
*Elder Sheila McCowin, Officiating*

## *Reflection of Life*

Beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, Dorothy L. Ward was born April 15, 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the daughter of the Late Lawrence and Thelma Trimmings. Dorothy departed this life peacefully on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 and now securely rests in the arms of the Lord.

Dorothy was born in Atlanta, Georgia and often shared fond memories of her early life there. During her childhood she moved from Atlanta to Newark, New Jersey where she resided for the remainder of her life. While attending Charlton Street school, she met and fell in love with Robert Ward Sr. The two were married on August 14, 1940 and four children were born to that union.

Dorothy was devoted to her family. She took her roles as daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother very seriously; and her commitment to family was unwavering. Family gatherings and traditions were critically important to her. Many of us have lasting memories of family vacations to Wildwood, Christmas dinners, her stories, and the warm hug you would receive when you arrived at her house as well as how much she hated to see each of us leave. She was always willing to help others, often cooking and caring for other seniors in her building. Many of us can recall a time where she helped us navigate difficult situations with her sage wisdom and her deeply rooted faith in God. She nurtured us all and laid a solid foundation for her family to treat others the way they would want to be treated.

Dorothy also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, reading her bible, playing bingo, nurturing her plants, and listening to gospel music. We will never forget her laughter and her smile. She loved to fill the room with a contagious

laughter and just being in her presence would lift the spirits of everyone around her.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Robert Ward Sr., her daughter Joyce Davis, her son Raymond Ward and grandsons Derrick Wadley and Darryl Baker.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter Elaine Hutcheson, one son Robert K. Ward Jr., a son in law, James Hutcheson and daughter in law Denise Ward, Sister-in-law's, Sarah Lynn, and Bertha Lynn, and grandchildren, Ardis Wadley, Craig Wadley, Dawn Hutcheson, Brian Davis, Denisa Baker, Kenya Brookins, Kami Dixon, Stephen Gist, Shelia Bragg, and Kevonna Ward. She also leaves a host of great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews along with numerous other relatives and friends.

*Miss you forever, love you always, we will never forget you  
we will remember you every single day.*

### *Her Smile*

*Though her smile is gone forever  
And her hand I cannot touch  
I still have so many memories  
Of the one I loved so much  
Her memory is now my keepsake  
Which With I'll never part  
God has her is His keeping  
I have her in my heart  
Sadly missed, but never forgotten*











## *Order of Service*

### **Processional**

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament.....Kami Dixon

New Testament.....Kevonna Ward

### **Prayer**

### **Musical Selection**

Susu Bobien

### **Acknowledgments**

Jayna & Jazzmen Gathers

### **Reflections (2 Minutes)**

### **Obituary**

Levitta Gathers

### **Musical Selection**

Susu Bobien

### **Eulogy**

Elder Sheila McCowin

### **Recessional**

“Take Me To The King”

### ***Interment***

*Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey*

### ***Repat***

I.L.A LOCAL 1233  
19 Fenwick Street • Newark, NJ 07114





*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty space.  
Then he looked down upon this earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He only takes the best.*

*Acknowledgements*

*The Ward family would like to thank everyone for their  
prayers, love, support, calls, texts and food.*

*A special thanks to Margarita Mercado who served as  
Dorothy's guardian angel in recent years.*

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