

*In Loving Memory of*



*Dolores Blackwell*

*Sunrise*  
*October 8, 1930*

*Sunset*  
*May 10, 2021*

*Graveside Service*

*Saturday, May 15, 2021 • 12:00 noon*

**Ferncliff Cemetery**  
280 Secor Road, Hartsdale • New York 10530  
**Rev. Wilfred Ferguson, Officiating**

## Obituary

*“Life has to end. Love doesn’t.” - Mitch Albom*

The gentle soul that was **Dolores Augusta Blackwell** was full of so much love, light and vitality. Losing our mother, has brought an immense emptiness. Her love, joy, and faith transcends and our prayer is that each of you leave with that feeling. To all of her family and friends, we are grateful for all the years of love, generosity and joy you brought into our mother’s life.

Dolores Augusta Blackwell blessed us with her presence on October 8, 1930 to the late Roland and Mary Elizabeth Toliver in Hampton, Virginia. Her formal education began in Hampton and she continued her academic studies in New York. She was called “baby sis” by her siblings, “mum-a” by her children, “Aunt Dee” by her nieces and nephews, “grandma” by her grandchildren and “Dee” by her friends.

Immaculate Conception Church is one that served as a foundation for her faith. That faith sustained her throughout her life. We are grateful for all of the extended family and close friends who always showed their love and support. We are eternally grateful for the home health aides who made our mother’s final years phenomenal with the love and attention they provided her. They were not aides, they were angels.

On October 2, 1952 Dolores married Joseph “JD” Blackwell and the union was quite fruitful. Dolores worked diligently caring for her family in and outside of the home. She shared her love of life educating children in the New York City school system where she had a passion for children with special needs. In 1992, Dolores retired from the New York City Department of Education and became a full time “Grandma” caring for her grandchildren.

With a grateful heart and infectious smile, Dolores loved people. Whether it be as a devoted wife, loving mother, supportive sister, encouraging aunt, cheerful cousin or loyal friend, she touched the lives of everyone she met. She shone as a bright example of love and kindness.

Dolores was predeceased by her daughter, Donna Blackwell, her son Donald Ray Blackwell, her brother, Roland “Unk” Toliver, her sister, LaBarbara “Bob” Fauntleroy and leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Maurice Toliver, her seven children – Joseph “June” Blackwell and his wife Brenda, Leroy Blackwell and his wife Cora, Cecil “Clicky” Blackwell and his wife Earline, Kenneth “Kenny” Blackwell, Joan “Joanni” Blackwell Reives (son-in-love Kiner Reives), Roland Blackwell and Larry Blackwell.

Dolores also leaves 14 grandchildren, Tracy, Selina, Pam, Cecilia, Christopher, Shalom, Jonathan, Kayla, Roland Jr, Leah, DeVonna, Jevon, Terrell, and Larry Jr. She also leaves a host of great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Dolores leaves to cherish her memory two special friends, Wilma McCoy and Cora Fleming. On May 10, 2021, God called Dolores home to glory and she received her reward after many faithful years of service to God, her family and community.

“...the best is yet to come!” - William Shakespeare (mum-a's favorite saying)

## *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Wilfred Ferguson, Jr.

### Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading (Psalm 23) ..... Family Member

New Testament Reading (John 14:1-6) ..... Family Member

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Wilfred Ferguson, Jr.

Reflections..... Family & Friends (1-2 mins)

Obituary ..... Denise Loimon

Eulogy ..... Rev. Wilfred Ferguson Jr.

Closing Prayer..... Rev. Wilfred Ferguson Jr.

Committal ..... Rev. Wilfred Ferguson Jr.

Bullock Funeral Services Closing Remarks .....Funeral Director

Benediction ..... Rev. Wilfred Ferguson Jr.

## *Asleep*

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;*

*This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.*

*I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.*

*But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.*

*You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...*

*You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.*

*So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,  
I thank God because He came for me.*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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