

Celebrating the Life of
Dora Kirkland

April 19, 1929 ~ September 29, 2023

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Salem Baptist Church

50 Clinton Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Obituary

On Friday afternoon, September 29, 2023 the Lord took the hand of Dora Kirkland and welcomed her into the kingdom of heaven.

Dora was born on April 19, 1929 to the late Thomas and Mary Kirkland. Dora loved family and her sisters (Mary and Sally) were her best friends. Dora was the 5th child in a family of 7. She was described by her family as a rambunctious child. She could be found running, climbing and jumping, often performing better than the boys.

Dora was educated in the Jersey City Public School system and after graduating from Synder High School, she began her career at RCA Electronics. She worked there for years until she retired due to a disability.

Dora was a devoted member of Salem Baptist Church where she had attended faithfully since she was a child. Dora could be seen in the pews taking notes, later discussing that week's sermon with family and friends.

Dora was a resident of Salem Lafayette Senior Housing, where she had many good friends. One of which was Louvenia Pridgen, who was a tremendous help and was by her side during her last days. Dora participated in lots of activities. On any given day you could call her and ask "what are you doing today?", her reply "I'm going to the Center and we are going out to eat or going to the Farmer's Market or going shopping at the outlets".

Dora enjoyed participating in various activities. She loved spending time with family and friends, watching movies, going out to eat, visiting different outlets and attending church. Dora was a kind soul and would give anyone her last. Each birthday, every member of her family could expect a birthday card with a monetary gift that correlated with their age along with a special note of encouragement. Dora was known for her kind demeanor, and how she brought light and laughter to anyone in her presence. Dora loved to talk. If you had the pleasure of talking to her, you knew you would be on the phone for hours. She was also known as the "family encyclopedia". She was the one to ask when you needed to know a family story or family history.

Dora was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Mary Kirkland, her sisters Sally Kirkland and Mary Artis, brothers Walter, David, Teddy and Raymond Kirkland and nephew Keith Artis.

Dora leaves loving memories to be cherished by nephew, Kyle Artis and his wife Kim of East Stroudsburg, Pa. Niece-in law, Gloria Artis of Millis, Ma. Seven great nieces and nephews; Milan, London and Keirston Artis of Millis, Ma; Brielle, Kyla and Kiara Artis of East Stroudsburg, Pa and Justan Artis of North Carolina and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends that loved her dearly.

Order of Service

Processional - Clergy and family

Final Viewing

Musical selection

Scripture reading:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical selection

Acknowledgments

Reflections (2 mins per person)

pre-selected by the family (max 3 people to speak)

Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy - Minister Irwin Farrell

Recessional - .Funeral Director

Interment

Bayview Cemetery

Jersey City, New Jersey

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.

This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Acknowledgement

The family 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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