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Celebration Of Life
For
Detroit Dorothy Walker
October 6, 1918 - October 7, 2016
Saturday, October 15th 2016
Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
Detroit Dorothy Walker was born October 6, 1918 in Estil, Mississippi to the late Johnny Miller and Naomi Williams. She departed this life October 7, 2016. Dorothy received her early education in Hollandale, Mississippi and in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She excelled as a student and at an early age attended Natchez Junior College where she earned her degree. She then attended and graduated from the Afro American School of Nursing in Yazoo City, Mississippi as a Registered Nurse. It was in Yazoo City that she met and married Urias L Walker (Little Brother) with whom she shared fifty five years of marriage until his death in 1998. Shortly after their marriage, they relocated to Buffalo where she lived for almost 70 years. They were the proud parents of one daughter, Jacqueline and embraced her husband, Lacy, as their “son”.

Detroit (Dee, Dorothy, Dot) and Little Brother enjoyed fishing, attending or watching baseball, football and basketball games on television. They also enjoyed playing cards with friends, going to horse races and traveling, especially to the Bahamas and Caribbean with Lacy and Jacqueline. Usually when you saw one of them you saw the other.

She was one of the first African American Head Nurses at Millard Fillmore Hospital where she worked for more than 30 years. Known as Nurse Walker by many in the community, she was often called upon to render health advise or to provide that personal touch of nursing care when needed.

Detroit was baptized as a youngster at Mount Heroden Baptist Church in Vicksburg and was a member of Mount Horeb Baptist church Hollandale. She was frequently selected to participate in church programs because of her speaking ability.

Dorothy and Little Brother joined Lincoln Memorial UM Church a few years after moving to Buffalo. Prior to retiring she often worked on Sundays, but made sure that her husband and daughter were active in church. After retiring she enjoyed attending church services and helping to plan church picnics and other activities. She particularly enjoyed Sunday school classes and bible studies.

Detroit relocated to Sarasota, Florida to live with her children when health challenges required this. She continued to attend meetings and other functions with Jacque and Lacy. She also enjoyed attending church services with them every Sunday. She was loved by many in her new home and she became Mother Detroit or Aunt Dee to several.

She is survived by her daughter Jacqueline; son-in-law Lacy; great niece, Patricia (Byron) Washington; cousins: Verdisa, Lester, Jeffrey and Jerome and a host of friends. 

Pallbearers
Lincoln Memorial UM Church Men’s Group

Honorary Pallbearers
Mr. Gary Cole
Lt. Col. (ret) Major “Bo” Bell
Dr. George Mims
Dr. Edward Stevenson

Honorary Flower Bearers
Lambda Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Brandenton/Sarasota Chapter of The Links, Inc.
Florida Suncoast Chapter for the Arts, The Society, Inc.

Donations may be made in memory of Detroit Dorothy Walker to the Multicultural Health Institute, 677 North Washington Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34237

~ Care of Our Loved One ~
Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street ~ Buffalo, New York 14211
(716) 894-4888

Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Ave. ~ Buffalo, NY 14209
She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can’t see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins 1959 –

Celebration of Life Service

Visitation Hour: 10:00 am    ~    Homegoing: 11:00 am

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor, Officiating

Musical Prelude                      Ms. Janet Barnes
                                    Minister of Music

Gathering

Opening Hymn                           “How Great Thou Art”

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament    Psalm 121

Acknowledgements & Obituary

- Tributes -

Mrs. Coleen Jeter                        Mr. Lacy Ray, Jr.
Dr. Jacqueline W. Ray

Ministry of Music                        Lincoln Memorial Choir

“God Is”

The Homily                                  Pastor George F. Nicholas

Recessional
Precious

Mt. Heroden Baptist Church

Memories

In Loving Memory
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,

Love leaves a memory no one can steal

Acknowledgement

The family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and love we have been given during our time of bereavement. May God Bless You.

The Family of Detroit Dorothy Walker

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