



Ardena S. Dixon

February 24, 1927 - February 16, 2019

Ardena Elizabeth Simmons Dixon, daughter of the late Albert E. Simmons, Sr. and Sedonia Parker Simmons, was born on February 24, 1927, in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life Saturday, February 16, 2019.

Mrs. Dixon was a graduate of Douglas Evening High School, Class of 1949; Coppin State College, 1963; and matriculated at Loyola College 1972 while raising a family with her husband, Daniel E. Dixon, Jr. and working numerous occupations. Of their union, there were three daughters born: Deidre (deceased -1964), Stephanie and Eris.

Ardena began teaching in 1963. She continued to advance her career in education and became principal of the Dallas F. Nicholas, Sr. Elementary School, #39 for 18 1/2 years. She loved the students, the staff, and the community fiercely. She was aggressive and tenacious in acquiring for them the best of programs, services, and materials from within the school system, and through partnerships, grants, and contributions. Early on in her tenure at #39, she saw a need for a availability of food at certain time of the month for the families of her school community. She began a Food Pantry and Distribution Center at the school. Annually, she assisted the Parent Liasion and the P.T.S.A. in renewing proposals to the Maryland Food Committee for refinancing of this school community outreach. She retired in 1998. Arden's service and commitment to education did not end with retirement. She served

as a Johns Hopkins University supervisor to new teachers for many years after retirement, until December 2009.

Ardena served as a member in numerous church organizations and committees at Macedonia Baptist Church. Among these were Trustee Board, Budget Committee, 100th and 120th Anniversary Committees, The Ladies Guild, Deaconess Board, Missionary Society, Flower Circle, Women's Day Committee, and others. She was appointed Chairperson of the Trustee Board in 1994 and diligently served the church in this position until 2002. Later she was bestowed the title and honor of Trustee Emeritus.

Ardena's social and professional memberships were numerous throughout her years. They included the Foster Care Citizens Review Board, the Baltimore County Pinochle Bugs Social and Professional Women, Inc., and Gamma Red Hatters, to name a few. She was accepted into Trinity Chapter No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star in 1995.

Ardena was greatly committed to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. and their Perpetual Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Her leadership roles while serving Phi Delta Kappa included Basileus of Gamma Chapter, several positions within the Eastern Region, and she was Supreme Basileus (National President) 1997-2001. She took pride in being an effective change agent at all levels.

Ardena tried to model a good life for her children, grandchildren, siblings, their children, relatives, friends, and neighbors. She lent a helping hand to all in many ways as the need arose. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were the love of her life.

Ardena leaves to celebrate her home going daughters, Stephanie A. Barham(Arthur) and Eris I. Dixon; granddaughters, Deidre B. Eames

(Gregory) and Shanda Knox; grandsons, Gary Shaw and Daniel Dixon; great-granddaughters, Donteris Spence Smith (Asa), LaDena, Asia Eames and Kayla Knox; great-grandsons, Brandon Sommerville and Kameron Shaw; and great granddaughter, Dylan Dixon; sister, Gladys Saunders; sisters-in-law, Irma Cassell and Kate Dixon; devoted cousin, Ovella Queen; devoted nieces, Vanessa Brown (Robert) and Marsha Vaden; step granddaughter, Michelle Beasley, step great-grandson, Beysean Beasley, step great-granddaughters, Sharde Twyman(Malcolm), and Shanae White(David), and their children; her secretary of 18 1/2 years, Vanessa Parker Thomspson; and a host of additional nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

viewing

FEB 22. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

FEB 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Macedonia Bapt. Church
718 W. Lafayette Ave
Baltimore, MD

Service

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *She was my supervising teacher in Baltimore 1966*

Charles W. Watts - April 20, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ *Ardena S. Dixon*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mark Matthews Sr. & Jr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ardena S. Dixon.*



Mark Matthews Sr. & Jr. - February 21, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ardena S. Dixon.*



February 21, 2019 at 05:12 PM

JW

“ *My heartfelt prayers is going out to the Dixon family. May you look to the sky from where all of your strength comes. Love you Janise Williams*

God bless you Eris Dixon

Janise Williams - February 21, 2019 at 02:08 PM

BY

My prayers and condolences to you and your family. Even though she's gone on to heaven your memories keeps her alive in your thoughts and heart.

Council President Jack Young

Bernard C. Young - February 23, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ardena S. Dixon.*



February 21, 2019 at 01:44 PM

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“ *We were lost for words when we heard the passing of your loved one. Our prayers of comfort to the Dixon family. May God continue to comfort you during this difficult time. We Love You Eris AFSCME Local 2202*

Local 2202 - February 21, 2019 at 12:02 PM

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“ AFSCME Local 2202 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ardena S. Dixon.



AFSCME Local 2202 - February 21, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ardena S. Dixon.



February 20, 2019 at 12:28 PM

RL

“ I remember miss Dixon when she was a six grade teacher at Elmer A Henderson elementary school in the sixties she was a six grade teacher I remember walking in high heels and her silver bob hair cut a sharp dresser

Regina Lee - February 19, 2019 at 03:24 PM

TO

“ I am a former student of #39 and all i have is great memories of Mrs Dixon , class of 1989. May God be with her family at this time of mourning and may she be a blessing to all the students in heaven.

tonya - February 19, 2019 at 02:42 AM

EJ

“*Mrs. Dixon was the principal of Dallas F. Nicholas Elementary School where both of my children, Dorian and Robert McCormick and a host of nieces and nephews attended from 1979 until 1987. She was a very well dressed professional who had strong relationships with students, staff, parents and community leaders. I remember her positive phone calls and her support for the students. My children had a very successful elementary education under her leadership. She was a Great Leader for Great Students at a Great School. She leaves a legacy of professional learners. May God comfort you in your time of grief.*”

ethel johnson - February 18, 2019 at 05:06 PM

C.

“*Dear family, please accept our warmest condolences. God promises to personally wipe out every tear from you eyes and even remove the sources of such pain. May you be comforted and full of hope!!*”

C. Ann - February 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“*We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*”

March Funeral Homes - February 17, 2019 at 04:02 PM