



Atlee D. Dease

December 22, 1916 - March 24, 2013

On December 22, 1916, in Marlboro County, Township of Bennettsville, South Carolina, ATLEE D. DEASE was born to the late Lela Vance and Ernest Douglas. She was blessed to have an older sister Ollie Mae who predeceased her just three years ago also during the blessed Easter Season. Atlee affectionately known as “Mom Mom” to many, was educated in Marlboro County, and attended boarding school in Bennettsville, and graduated from the Normal school.

She grew up in a Christian household and accepted GOD as her anchor and personal savior at a very early age. Her family attended Aaron Temple⁴ united Methodist Church, In South Carolina Atlee met and married the love of her life, the late Anthony Dease. Shortly after their union, she and her husband followed her older sister Ollie and brother-in-law the late Malcolm Smith to Baltimore to experience the up North living opportunities and to expose their children to an atmosphere of enhanced education and career opportunities that were not as readily accessible to African-Americans in the Deep South

They lived with her Aunt the late Rosa “Dochia” Dunlap, who was their Baltimore mother. Atlee’s four children Leroy, Eleanor, Anthony and the late Gordon were the motivation behind her hard work and steadfast commitment to providing a good life For them. “Mom Mom” was an awesome home-maker, disciplinarian and always with a soft tongue and loving “Spirit”.

Shortly after arriving in Baltimore, she joined Waters A.M. E. Church under the guidance of Pastor H. E Walden over 75 year' ago. In recent years, she earned the honor and respect as a Matriarch of the Church. Mrs. Dease was elected to serve as Chaplain of the Senior Usher Board, because of the admiration that her church members felt for her . Additionally, she often worshipped at Southern Baptist Church with her husband.

Atlee was very industrious and retired from the state of Maryland as a Dietician. In addition, she worked as a beautician for many years after graduating from Madam C. J. Walker's Beauty Culture School in 1945. Volunteerism was an important part of her life.

Atlee was an active and faithful Christian servant. She and her sister were involved in the Retired and Senior Volunteer program, (RSVP), serving as a Receptionist for the Baltimore City Court House, and participating as a hostess at the Centenarians Annual Luncheon were experiences she cherished.

Style and grace were Atlee's attributes. She was always admired for her immaculate dress, known for her attention to detail and the latest fashions.

Many persons young and old admired her lady like style and her ability to be sophisticated and still demure. She would make frequent trips down South, referred to as down home to visit family and take clothes to her younger relatives.

Atlee joined the Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star under her husband who was a prince Hall Mason. Additionally, she was a member of the Northern Charity Club (NCC), like many of her generation; Atlee was not a frequent flyer. NCC afforded her the opportunity to travel the country with family and close friends on a chartered bus. Mrs. Dease was also an active member of thee

“Carolínians”, a social Group of natives from North and South Carolina who stayed connoted with Southern Home experiences. Mom Mom enjoyed cooking and was often asked to share her culinary skills for events that her children hosted.

Mrs. Dease was a praying woman, and always had a word of encouragement to share with her children, niece’s nephews and other family reflecting on Christ. Atlee was proud of the academic and professional accomplishments of her children. You would often here her mentioning her eldest son’s dedicated service to a company that he has been employed for many years, moving up the ranks to eventually becoming a “salary man”. Mom Mom would advise her children and grandchildren to get their lesson (work hard in school) and make sure you get a good job with a good pension. She would also share how her only daughter had risen up through the ranks of Federal Government until retirement. Then there were her two youngest sons who both graduated from Morgan State University and later furthered their education at Hunter College, N.Y. and University of Baltimore, respectively. One of her proudest moment, was witnessing her only granddaughter Terri, earn her PhD, from University of Maryland, College Park, Mom Mom was very instrumental in raising Terri and providing nurturing for her son Trey.

A few hours before her passing, Mom Mom had her granddaughter recite the 23rd Psalm for her, a prayer she had taught her, and one they had recited together many times. On Palm Sunday March 24, at 8:50 am, Atlee’s Lord and Savior stopped by Joseph Richey Hospice to take her home to Glory.

Atlee leaves to cherish memory: a devoted daughter, Eleanor of Baltimore; two sons, Leroy (Shirley) of North Carolina and Anthony of Baltimore; one brother, James Williams (Dorothy) of Baltimore; five grandchildren; 13 great

grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins, loving and supportive church family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Baltimore Cemetery

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 29. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Waters A.M.E.
417 N. Aisquith street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Atlee D. Dease*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Family and Friends,*

It is understood that the pain, the grief, and the feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable when you lose a loved one. During these times, you can find comfort in God's Word. The Bible helps us to understand how Jehovah and Jesus feel about death. Jehovah promised that "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore."—Revelation 21:4 Jesus said that "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Jesus'] voice and come out." (John 5:28, 29) People who are to be restored to life right here on earth will be reunited with their loved ones. The dead will not be raised to life in a world filled with war, crime, and sickness, because God's purpose is that the whole earth be made into a paradise. They will have an opportunity to live forever on this earth in peaceful and happy conditions. What a loving God and such a wonderful hope for you and your loved one.

*Sincerely,
A Bible Student*

A Student - March 31, 2013 at 09:40 PM

B.

“ To the Family and Friends of Atlee D. Dease,

I express my deepest condolences to you all at this time. I can surely sympathize with the pain you are going through because like everyone else here on this Earth I have lossed a loved one in death. God's Word describes death a sting becaus it causes us so much pain and grief. Wouldn't it be great if we could just eliminate this enemy today. Well although we can not, it willl be gone in the future. At Revelation 21:4 we read, " And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Jehovah sets out this hope before us and it is no doubt very encouraging. What a wonderful thing it will be for death to be a thing of the past. My heart goes out to you at this time and your family is definitely in my prayers.

B.J - March 31, 2013 at 06:44 PM



“ The Ambassador Ministry (Ushers) of Mount Pleasant Church and Ministries are praying with and for the family during your time of trail and testing.



Floyd Brice - March 30, 2013 at 01:32 PM

HP

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. We are keeping the family in our prayers. Mother Dease was a very special. She will be greatly missed.
Helen and Monica



Helen Perry - March 28, 2013 at 12:03 AM

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“ My Dear Terri and family, My deepest condolences! God is the giver and he knows what we can bear. Trust only in his understanding and he will lead your way! My blessings Your soror and friend, A. Benita Parham (Kimbrough)



A. Benita Parham (Kimbrough) - March 26, 2013 at 03:06 PM



“ 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 - March 25, 2013 at 05:50 PM

SL

I am very sorry to hear of your loss, please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time. The Bible offers many words of comfort. I am very sorry for your loss and I hope this message brings you much comfort.

Scyntilla Lewis - March 26, 2013 at 06:38 AM

YJ

They don't make grandmother's like mine and your "Mom Mom" anymore. Women who had the strength to carry generations on their back- with the grace of God. Each of you, Dease, Eleanor and Terri, are who you are because of who she was- and that gave her a reason to be proud! I'm praying that the peace of God will comfort you during this difficult time. I'm believing by faith that her unconditional love and strength will continue to manifest in your remarkable lives. With love, Yvette "Angel" Jones

Yvette Angel Jones - March 28, 2013 at 01:43 PM