



Dixie Jones Lightfoot

September 19, 1918 - April 1, 2014

DIXIE BEATRICE JONES LIGHTFOOT was born to the late Luther and Ella Jones on September 19, 1918, in Chapanoke, North Carolina. She transitioned from this life on April 1, 2014. She lost her mother at a very early age and was raised by a devoted aunt and uncle, Henry and Sarah Lilly Dildy (Mama Sarah). In 1927, Dixie gave her life to Christ in Porters Chapel AME Zion Church. Her young adult years were spent in Perquimans County, North Carolina where she attended school. She was known for her outstanding physical beauty, fashion sense, smart intellect, and her beautiful singing voice. While attending high school, she met James Issac Lightfoot. They married on February 15, 1936. Dixie and James struggled to make a life in North Carolina, but the lack of economic opportunity forced the young couple to migrate to Baltimore, Maryland. After experiencing many hardships, James was the second African American hired by Western Electric Company. This change brought about financial security for the young couple, and Dixie was able to raise her children with the knowledge of providing for them a better life. As a homemaker, Dixie was always able to take the humblest environment and make it into a warm, loving, fun filled, beautiful space in which her children could grow. Pulling taffy, making snow cream, singing songs and keeping our secrets are memories her children will cherish. She could always make the wrong things right. For example, when Joan unsuccessfully made her ninth grade graduation dress, Dixie saved the day by making it right. The home was always filled with beautiful melodies which instilled the love of

music in her children. A woman of faith, Dixie ensured that her children would follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. She was an active member of Sharon Baptist Church, where she was a featured soloist on the Gospel Chorus and the Senior Choir. She supported her husband and, with him, was one of the founders of Highrock Missionary Baptist Church on West Garrison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, where she worked diligently beside him to build the new church. In 1980, Dixie and James returned to North Carolina and began a new life. Here she renewed old friendships and became a part of the community of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She volunteered in the local hospital and remained an active member of The Ministers' Wives, serving as president for two years. In this role she traveled to many places both in and out of the country. Her amazing energy allowed her to raise her youngest grandson for the first eleven years of his life. Following the death of her husband in 2000, she returned to Baltimore. Here she resumed an active church life at Highrock where she became a deacon and was affectionately known as the Mother of the Church. She is survived by: her three sons, Rev. James I. Lightfoot, Jr., Calvin A. Lightfoot (Nancy), and Rev. Henry N. Lightfoot; four daughters, Joan L. Powell, Elois L. Coles (Lester), Pamela Sanders (Askew), Diane Smith; six grandsons, Leon Braswell, Jeffery Lightfoot (Joy), Keith Powell (LaTanya), Kelly Powell (Joyce), Justin Sanders, and Dominique Cook; four granddaughters, Lisa Williams, Nicole Sanchez (Fabio), Stacey Morgan (Benjamin) and Candace Sanders; loving nieces, Francine Ashby, Joyce Vargas, and Barbara Williams; nephews, Percy Zachary (Inez), Norman Wesson, Cottrell Wesson, and Lloyd Boone (Melissa); twelve great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 7. 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

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church
1373 N. Stricker Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dixie Jones Lightfoot*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *She was always there for me and she understood me and my children she'll be greatly missed*

Hazel george and family - April 08, 2014 at 12:03 PM



“ *I'm so thankful that I had the wonderful opportunity to be in the presence of your beautiful mother. She was so sweet and warm*

keisha brown - April 08, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *To the Lifghfoot Family- What a jewel your mom was to us. Her glow and smile always warmed our hearts at each fellowship. On behalf of Our Pastor Rev. Dr. Felton Williams Jr. and The New Second Missionary Baptist Church Family (NSBC) we are praying with you and bow to the will of all mighty God. Our loss is heaven's gain- we know at this time hearts are heavy and tears are flowing but we believe that Mother Lightfoot's soul was anchored in Jesus and her faith was built on a solid foundation. We are standing with you, on the promises of Our Lord and soon coming King Jesus Christ. We love you and hold each of you in our hearts thoughts and prayers . Respectfully submitted, by Lady Joyce Williams on behalf of your Friend and Brother, Pastor Felton Williams Jr., whoes love and friendship will enter into eternity.*

Pastor Felton Williams Jr. - April 07, 2014 at 01:21 PM

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“ To the family of Dixie Lightfoot . I am sorry to read about the loss of your loved one. The pain is tremendous even with the passage of time. There are scriptures in the Bible to help provide relief of grief and distress. Please read Ps 65:2 that talks about “The Hearer” of prayers, people of all flesh will come.

Peggy Land - April 07, 2014 at 05:14 AM



“ My condolences Lightfoot family and friends. Ms. Dixie lived a long life, but not long enough for those who loved her. The bible says the span of life is 70 years 80 if we're especially strong. (Psalms 90:10) Our great God Jehovah did not create man to live such a short time. And soon, by means of Jesus Christ ransom sacrifice, we will have the privilege of welcoming back all our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death. This is a promise from Almighty God. (Acts 24:15) To learn more please contact Jehovah's Witnesses or visit www.jw.org. Please attend the annual observance of Jesus Christ death to learn more about the ransom he paid for all mankind.

Sharee Elliott - April 06, 2014 at 12:56 PM

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“ Our family would like to express condolences to The Lightfoot Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us that our dear loved ones will be resurrected to a beautifully restored paradise earth. He even promises us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - April 04, 2014 at 03:11 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 - April 02, 2014 at 04:03 PM