



Zelma Dixon

March 19, 2014

Zelma Dixon departed this life on Wed., March 19, 2014, at 2:00 am at Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. The Lord called Zelma home to a more heavenly place.

Zelma was born August 3, 1935 in Crawfordville, Georgia, to the late Willie Harris and Edna C. Harris. She was one of eight children. Her siblings Anna Bates, Gayzella Rice, Marvene Harris and Willie Harris, Jr. preceded her in death.

Zelma accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at a very young age. She attended Level Hill Baptist Church in Crawfordville, GA. She and her sisters sang in the church choir. They were very close to one another and loved each other very much. Zelma and her sisters lost their parents and brother when they were children.

She was very protective of her children. She washed all of her children's clothes by hand for many years before she could acquire a washing machine. She baked cakes and sold them to buy her children winter coats. She was a very hard worker, a committed wife and mother. Zelma would always say, "Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today"; "Life waits for no one" and "Whatever job you do, even if it's sweeping a floor, do your best".

After her husband, James, started Dixon and Sons Moving & Storage, Zelma worked in an administrative capacity for the company for many years in conjunction with being a homemaker. It was a family owned business. She increased profits tremendously. Her ability to think quickly on her feet and to counter one's response left people speechless.

She was very economical-she could take a little money and buy so much with it. She kept an immaculate house and her children spotless. She gave a birthday celebration for each of her children, every year until their 16th birthday. She instilled morals into all of her children. She patiently taught and educated each of her children before they entered school, as well as teach them to read. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Zelma leaves fond memories which will be cherished by all. She is a beloved sister to: Etheline Bell, Jeanette Harris and Evelyn Osborne, as well as a loving and sadly missed sister of Deborah Fields, Stanford Dixon (Gwendolyn), Sr., Randall Dixon, Barry Dixon (Teresa), Sandra Dixon-Ross (Raymond), and Gregory Dixon. She also leaves behind her 9 cherished grandchildren: Michael, Jr., Demond, Natasha, Raymond, Jr., Rodney, Stacy, Stanford, Jr., Stevie and LaShandra; 11 well loved great grandchildren: Tiffany Shaela, Maya, Tamia, Shannon, Anthony, Jordan, Kirsten, Tayshaun, Taylor and Tashya. Zelma will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Foley Funeral Home
1132 Cottman Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19111
(215) 342-7380

Tribute Wall

HS

“ *Sending our deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Aunt Zelma's children and the rest of the family. Aunt Zelma will truly be missed by all of us. Her thoughtful and caring words of wisdom, her daily phone calls to Mother Dear; who is her sister, Ethelene Bell; her inspiring prayers; her hearty laughter, and just her voice. Aunt Zelma, we love you dearly and will forever miss you. Rest in peace. Your nieces, Glenda, Linda, & Shirley*

Henry & Glenda Skrine - March 28, 2014 at 01:20 PM

GS

“ *My deepest, heartfelt sympathy is sent to Aunt Zelma's children and the rest of the family. She will truly be missed by all of us; her wholehearted laugh, listening ear, daily prayers, just her voice. What a strong and incredible woman. Rest in peace Aunt Zelma; we all love you, but God loves you best. Your niece, Glenda B. Skrine*

Glenda Skrine - March 27, 2014 at 01:23 PM

ST

“ *We love you grand mom, you will be missed*



steve - March 26, 2014 at 07:26 PM

EB

“ Evelyn Battle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Zelma Dixon.



Evelyn Battle - March 26, 2014 at 01:00 PM

EV

“ From your Aunt Evelyn. My sister, your mom is peacefully resting with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I believe this in my heart, because of our conversation and prayers together. May all of you grab on to God's hand that will hold you forever. Love one another, let nothing separate you and your love for each other. Prepare to meet mom in paradise; there she will be waiting for all of us. My prayers are with you. Sorry I could not be there with you physically, but spiritually you all are in my heart. Love, Aunt, Evelyn.

Evelyn - March 24, 2014 at 08:58 PM

WR

From Cousins:

We the children of Aunt Cleo Bethea Hubert Brown send our sincere sympathy and condolences for the departure of cousin Zelma. May the peace of God comfort your hearts and spirits at this time. We share the absence of your Mom from this world but we also share the joy and appreciation for having her in our lives. We shall cherish the memory of her in our hearts forever in our hearts and mind. Keep the Faith.

*Cousins: Walnetta Bethea Richardson, Gloria Bethea Taylor
Toni Bethea Garner, Herman Bethea, David Betha, Barbara
Bethea Bradley*

Walnetta Richardson - March 27, 2014 at 05:52 PM

NM

“ Dear Cousins; you are in my prayers and on my heart. I pray that your heart is encouraged during this time of loss of your mom. Aunt Zelma will be missed. Much love and prayers.... Your cousin, Nesial Miller, Greensboro, GA

Nesial Miller - March 21, 2014 at 10:17 PM

OS

“ My 2nd mother I will always love and miss you! You were always there for me over 40 years to encourage, comfort, and be strong no matter what. You now have a permanent home with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Momma (your life long friend) passed 3/13/2013 I know you and Momma are angels watching over us.



Love,
Diane Martin - Smith

Orlanda Diane Martin Smith - March 21, 2014 at 10:19 AM

MR

“ Barry and Teresa, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you; I am so sorry to hear the news of your Mom's passing, Barry. I wish you peace, and I pray for you and for your family.
Mark Romanowski

Mark Romanowski - March 20, 2014 at 07:37 PM

KB

“ *Barry and Teresa & family,
Cannot think of what words I could possibly offer that would mean anything much, this is a difficult time...
no matter what supports you have. All I can hope is that you have some comfort in knowing that your dear Zelma is at peace, and that her life was richer for having you in it. Family is not just who you're related to, it's who you love. You have always been family to me & mine, always shown your love. Your loss is mine too. I'm here for you, please know that your extended family will see you through...and even though things are unbearable now, you'll know, little by little, a bit each day...that Zelma has found peace, and that will give you some peace as well.
All my love & sympathy to you,
KB*

kathleen bickings - March 20, 2014 at 04:51 PM

BD

“ *I'll miss you mother, mama i'll always love you. Love your son Barry, gone to soom.....*



Bary Dixon - March 20, 2014 at 02:04 PM