

*Celebration of Life
for*

Dr. Lucy E. Yates, Ed.D., R.N.

Sunrise

October 27, 1934

Sunset

May 7, 2016



Life Celebration

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 ~ 11:00 A. M.

Viewing: 9:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M.

First African Baptist Church

901 Clifton Avenue

Darby Township, Pennsylvania

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor



Life Reflection of Dr. Lucy E. Yates, Ed.D., R.N.

Lucy Elizabeth Yates, was the second child born to John Yates and India Shorter-Yates on October 27, 1934. Lucy was educated in the Darby Township school system and graduated from Darby Senior High School.

Lucy was baptized at an early age and was a very active member of the First African Baptist Church. She was involved with the BW Watkins Scholarship Committee and was a member of the Nursing Unit as well as the Hospitality Committee.

After graduating from high school, Lucy received her Bachelor's Degree from Brooklyn College and went on to receive her Masters Degree in Nursing Education from Hunter College. She later received her PhD from Immaculata University.

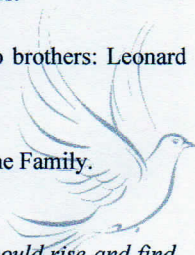
Lucy met and married Fred Stokes and from this union they had one son, Russell Stokes.

Lucy was one of the founding members of the South East Pennsylvania Chapter of the Black Nurses Association and remained an active member until her death.

Her hobbies included: traveling, dancing and playing the piano. Lucy spent her lifetime working in nursing education and furthering research in black health matters.

Lucy is survived by: three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two brothers: Leonard and James (Inja) as well as a host of church family and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted The Family.



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you loved me, as much as I loved you, and each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. When I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you". Today for life on earth is past but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, so trusting, and so true. Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand and share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart. © Written By: David M. Romano



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional ~ Clergy & Family

Final Viewing / Closing of the Bier, Claude J. Edney F. H. Staff

Opening Sentences ~ Pastor Richard A. Dent

Selection of Faith ~ "Blessed Assurance"

The Good News of Scripture

Old Testament ~ Psalm 23

New Testament ~ St. John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Selection of Faith

Acknowledgement of Cards & Resolutions

Reading of the Life Reflection (Obituary)

Selection of Faith

The Message of Good News ~ Pastor Richard A. Dent

Benediction / Recessional

INTERMENT

Eden Cemetery ~ Collingdale, PA

REPAST

*Following the Interment, Family & Friends will be received in:
The AGAPE Fellowship Hall of First African Baptist Church*

Family & Friends

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I am free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand, when I heard Him call,*

I turned my back, and left it all.

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, To love, To work, To play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found true peace at the end of my days.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, A laugh, A kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, shall miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life has been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, Good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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A Note of Thanks & Appreciation

The family of the late Dr. Lucy E. Yates, Ed.D., R.N., extend their sincere appreciation to their many family members, friends, neighbors and church family for their prayers, expressions of sympathy, and love shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you all in His loving grace and care.

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