

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

Maggie Dunston Kiah



(SEPTEMBER 6, 1922 - JANUARY 11, 2018)

-Service-

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
12:00 NOON

LOCUST GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
WISE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KENNETH ALEXANDER, PASTOR - OFFICIATING



The Obituary

Maggie Dunston Kiah transitioned to eternal rest on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at her home in Bracey, Virginia. She was born on September 6, 1922 to the late John Wesley and Emma Green Dunston as the 5th of their 10 children in Warren County, North Carolina.

Beginning her education in the Warren County Public School System of North Carolina, she continued her studies to earn her Bachelor's degree from Howard University and her Master's degree in Nutrition from New York University. She was employed as a dietitian at Beth Israel Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and later as chief dietitian at Cumberland Hospital in Brooklyn. After being certified in teacher education, she taught nutrition in the New York City Public School System until her retirement in 1977 when she relocated to the Lake Gaston area of Bracey, VA and continued working as a supervisor in the WIC program at the Warren County Department of Public Health.

Married to Donalson Simpson for many years until his death in 1961, she later married the Reverend McQuay Kiah, a union which was maintained and celebrated until his passing in 1985.

During her long residency of New York, Maggie was an active and faithful member of the Newman United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, serving on many boards and in many leadership roles. Later, as a resident of Bracey, she joined the South Hill United Methodist Church of South Hill, VA and also supported and attended the church of her childhood home, the Locust Grove Baptist Church in Wise, North Carolina. She was a devout servant of the Lord. Devotion time was declared each morning at her home when she would pray and then read and bookmark her Bible.

Always civic-minded, Maggie was also involved in a number of community activities. She was a member and officer of The Links, Inc.; a member of the United Country Club, Inc.; a member of the Les Gemmes; and a long standing member and Treasurer of both the Mecklenburg County NAACP and the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc.

"Aunt Maggie" as she was affectionately known to family and friends alike, loved to cook and entertain. She was a DIVA in her own right, "dressing up" each day with makeup and the latest fashion trend. She was a classy lady who loved to shop and wear glittering and sparkling clothes. Her closets consist of endless outfits and shoes, many of which she's never worn. She also enjoyed socializing, and with her beloved sister-in-law, the late Thelma Dunston, she spent many evenings dancing the night away at the United Country Club, Inc.

She was predeceased by five brothers: John Wesley, Edward Douglas, Eugene, Ollie, and Clarence Dunston; her eldest sister, Lucy D. Coleman and her younger sister, Effie D. Wilson. She is survived by two sisters, Emma Lea Beshir and Elizabeth D. Baskerville; one special nephew and caregiver, Dr. Eugene Baskerville; Goddaughter Doretta Dorset Dingle and a host of caring nieces, nephews, and friends.

The Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Opening Hymn.....Locust Grove Choir

Scripture of Comfort.....Dr. Kyleah Parson

Prayer of Consolation..... Reverend James M. Johnson

Musical Selection.....Lynne Dowdy

Remarks:

Reverend Brian Siegle
Pastor, South Hill United Methodist Church

Ben Stewart
President WCTS – NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc.

Acknowledgements.....Dr. Esther A. Terry

Obituary *(To be Read Silently with Soft Music)*

Musical Selection.....Lynne Dowdy

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Kenneth Alexander, Pastor

Closing Hymn.....Locust Grove Choir

Recessional

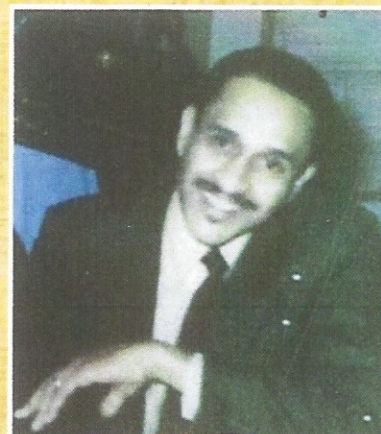
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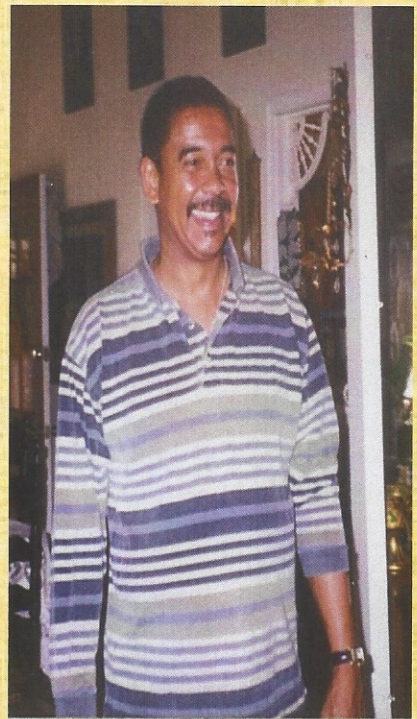
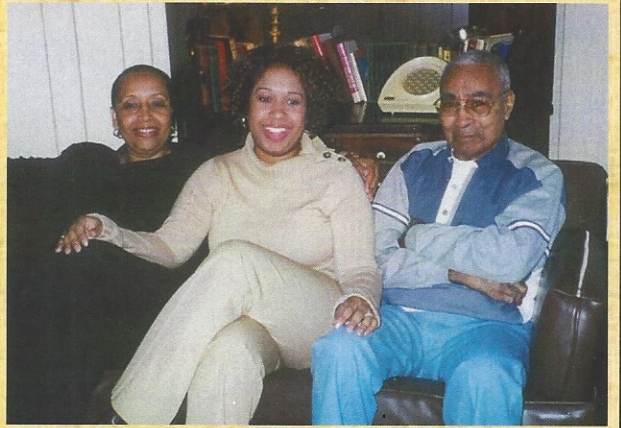


The Internment

Locust Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
Wise, North Carolina

IN MEMORY OF MAGGIE DECEASED PARENTS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS









Pall Bearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

A Light from our Family is Gone

*A light from our family is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in the home
Which never can be filled.
We have to mourn the loss of one
We would've loved to keep
But God who surely loved her best
Has finally made her sleep
After a lifetime of her love and joy
And music to fill our ears
God leaves these wondrous memories
To help us through our tears.*

Anonymous

The Acknowledgement

We are grateful for the many expressions of love and kindness. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, and other acts of sympathy. We offer a special thanks to Belinder Pratt, Sue Mable Allen, Irma Barkley, Daronda Wilkerson, and Cynthia Marrow for their assistance as caregivers and for the special interest, love, and support accorded to Aunt Maggie. We thank Cora and Beverly Hendrick for their services and for always being there for Aunt Maggie with willing and helping hands.

The Invitation

You are invited to join the family for repast and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the Interment

Professional Services Entrusted to:

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Nathaniel G. Yarbrough, Mortician

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