

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Irene Y. Keller

January 26, 1935 – September 27, 2023

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Saturday, October 7, 2023

9:00 AM Viewing

10:00 AM Service

SERVICE LOCATION

Siloam Baptist Church

1329 Willow Street

Norristown, Pennsylvania

PALLBEARERS

William Cropper

Ilan Cropper

Michael McCreary

Zeke McCreary

Jimi Anderson

Rodney Anderson

Maurice Anderson

FLOWER BEARERS

Eniya Cropper

Sherri Cropper

Zoe McCreary

Jada Anderson

Riley McCreary

INTERMENT

Valley Forge Memorial Gardens

352 South Gulph Road

King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

REPAST

A repast will be held in the church dining area
immediately following the burial service.

IN APPRECIATION

*The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful
expressions of love and sympathy that has been extended to us
during our time of bereavement. May God bless you.*



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Irene's Life Reflection

Irene was born on January 26, 1935, the youngest of five children, to William and Rosella Owens. In the early 1950s, she was a graduate of Simon Gratz High School in Philadelphia.

While raising a family, she worked as an administrative assistant for the military Department of Defense recruiting station for the United States Marine Corps.

Irene was a member of the Siloam Baptist Church in Norristown, the Order of Eastern Star, the Golden Circle, as well as the Red Hat Society.

Irene loved her family and friends and always looked forward to spending time with them. She loved family gatherings and having company. Her hobbies were completing puzzles, painting, coloring, and playing with her cat, Ebony. Most of all, she loved the Lord, which brought her great joy and comfort throughout her life.

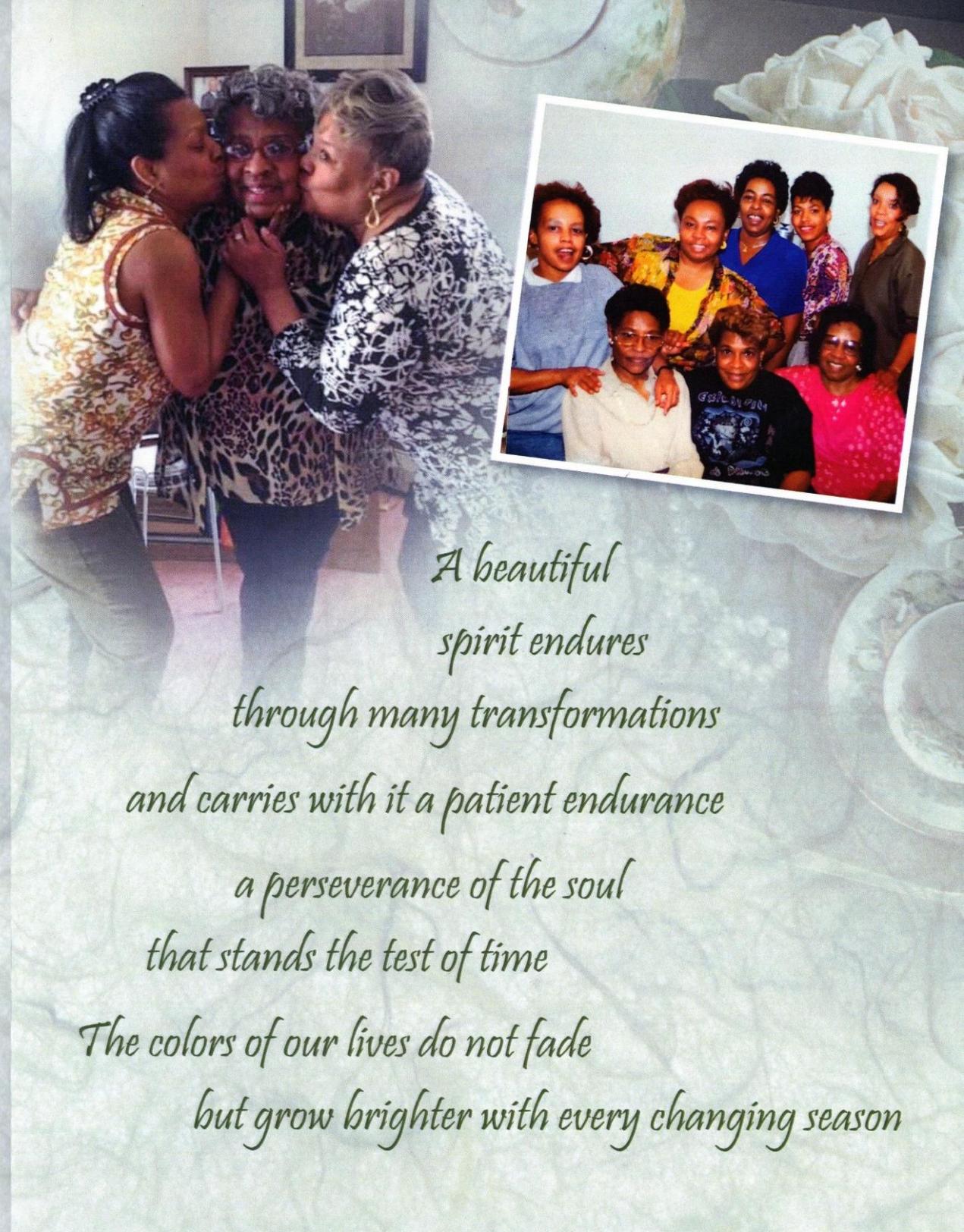
One of her favorite verses was Isaiah 40:29-31, which says: He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Irene passed away peacefully on September 27, 2023, at 88 years of age. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Keller, and one daughter, Cheryl Clarkson; sisters, Calia, Lil, Sarah, and brother, William.

She is survived by her daughter, Rosella Witherspoon of Philadelphia, her son, William A. Cropper (Sherri) of Fredericksburg, VA; 8 grandchildren; Eniya, Ilan, Azaria, Jimi, Rodney, Maurice, Kriss, and Mikey (Jessica), 9 great-grandchildren, Elijah, Autumn, Jayda, Russell, Kobe, Riley, London, Zoe and Zachariah, 1 great-great granddaughter, Isla; long-time best friend, Fred Wells, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

She will be deeply missed.
Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family



*A beautiful
spirit endures
through many transformations
and carries with it a patient endurance
a perseverance of the soul
that stands the test of time
The colors of our lives do not fade
but grow brighter with every changing season*



Farewell Dear Mother

*Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear, at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is 'MOTHER', she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.*

*God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.*

*When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.*

*I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.*

*Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.*

*Love Always,
Your Children*



Order of Service

Processional	Clergy & Family
Music Prelude	Minister James Saunders
Final Viewing	
Invocation	Pastor Mario Ford
Opening Hymn	
Blessed Assurance	(African American Heritage Hymnal) page #508
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Charles James Jr.
Scripture Readings	Rev. Dr. Jean Waites Howard
<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 40:28
<i>New Testament</i>	John 14:1-6
Musical Selection "Goin Up Yonder"	Sister Robin Stewart
Reading of Cards & Resolutions	Sister Marion Pardlow
Tribute to Sister Irene	
Reflections & Remarks	Family & Friends
	(Please keep to (2) two minutes)
Musical Selection "In the Garden"	Minister James Saunders
Message of Hope & Comfort	Pastor Mario Ford
Recessional Directives	Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director
Closing Song	Minister James Saunders
	"When We All Get to Heaven"
Recessional	Clergy & Family