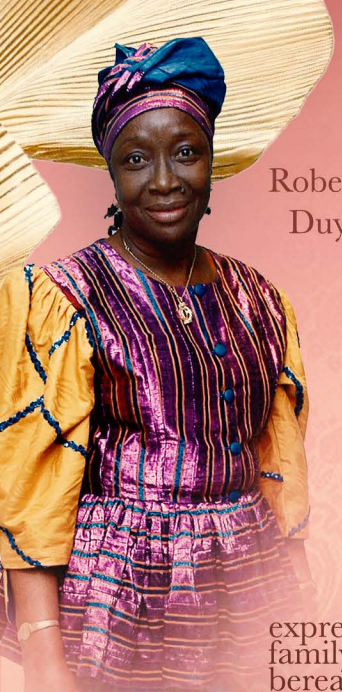




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Robert Duyen Jr., Lewis Duyen, Abraham Kamara , Paulsumo Duyen , Kesselly Duyen , Ibn Kehleay-Cuffie, Jamar Braddy

Flower Bearers

Lincoln Duyen, Darryl Kehleay, Jaden Weh-Palmer

Usher

Youngor Kehleay

Acknowledgements

The family of Fazez L. Duyen wishes to express their sincere thanks to the many wonderful friends and family who were thoughtful, kind and caring during our time of bereavement. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you for being a blessing to our family.



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THE LIFE STORY OF
FAZEH L. DUYEN
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Fazeh L. Duyen, fondly known as Betty, 78, peacefully transitioned on Thursday, November 09, 2023, at the Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey.

She was born on February 18, 1945, to the union of Kuluboh Golovelga and Sumo Yarkpawolo Duyen in Pleebo - a city stationed in Maryland County, Liberia.

Betty's Homeland in Liberia, West Africa:

Betty was raised in the Zorzor District located in Lofa County, Liberia before she moved to the capital city of Monrovia. Her family settled in the 'Buzzie Quarters' where she attended Saint Theresa Convent Catholic School. While in elementary school she participated in multiple sports such as basketball, soccer, volleyball, and she ran track and field. Betty once represented Liberia with the Girls basketball team at the International West African Basketball Tournament in the Central Africa country known as the Demographic Republic of the Congo. She attended high school at Ricks Institute, a learning and faith community of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc. At the age of 19, Betty, received a grant by the late 19th and longest-serving president in Liberian history, William V.S Tubman, which granted her the opportunity to move the United States in 1964 to Brooklyn, New York where she continued her high school education. During this time, she met her high school sweetheart, and basketball athlete, Alwyn Sacko, whom she married. From this union, their daughter, Danielle H. Sacko, was born in 1967. In later years, Betty, moved on and settled in Newark, New Jersey to raise her daughter, Danielle.

Career & Education Activities:

While in Newark, she established her career at the United States Postal Service while completing a traditional liberal arts coursework at Essex County Community College where she obtained her associate degree in business administration in 1976. She also attended the Barbizon School of Modeling and graduated in 1976. During the 1980s, she would hold many positions while employed at the United States Post Office for over 30 years. (1) Supervisor over processing and Distribution from 1994-1997. (2) Supervisor of Distribution Operations from 1997-2001. (3) Supervisor of Distribution Operations from 2001-2007. (4) Quality Control Specialist from 2007-2008 before going back to Supervisor of Distribution and Operations until she retired in 2014. While holding all these roles over the years, she enjoyed mentoring and cooking for the employees she oversaw.

At Home in Newark with Betty:

Betty served as the matriarch of her family from an early age. She helped her family members to relocate to the United States. After purchasing a home in 1994, she opened her doors to shelter many loved ones who migrated from Liberia to the United States to work for better living conditions. Betty allowed them to stay 'rent free' if they agreed to find work or attend some type of schooling until they became self-sufficient enough to move out on their own. At 82 Dover Street, Betty, welcomed everyone with open arms: family, loved ones, and friends where she shared her cooking and passion for multiple shelter dogs that she raised as her fur-babies.

Betty's Pastimes:

Betty had a heart of gold and believed in family sticking together. She spent her retired years with her best four-legged friend, Passama. She faithfully traveled to farms to purchase ingredients she used to passionately cook her traditional west African dishes, such as her well-known to family and loved ones – Kittley Torbgee. She loved music and dancing. Her favorite musical artists were the South African reggae musician and Rastafarian Lucky Dube, the Jamaican global singer Bob Marley and the Ugandan artist Eddy Kenzo. Even in her senior years, she remained a fan of football (NFL) and even attended multiple NFL games thanks to her nephew. This woman who had a green thumb enjoyed growing numerous green plants. She expanded her interest in film/movie production and even started her Lonestar Arts Management, LLC in 2009. She purchased a camera from a thrift store and wanted to create documentaries and movies. One of her biggest goals was to hold a concert at Madison square Garden with various African artists from all over the continent. She was a collector of African art.

Betty was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and confidant. She is predeceased by her parents Kuluboh Golovelga and Sumo Yarkpawolo; and her 7 siblings: Aaron Sumo Kennedy, Sr.; Krubosumo Duyen (Duyenku), George K. Duyen, Robert B. Duyen, Sr., Kebeh Vayan Zaza, and Darku Duyen. She is survived by her daughter, Danielle Sacko (Newark, New Jersey), her younger brother, Peter T. Dune (Allentown, Pennsylvania), her nephew and caregiver, Robert Duyen Jr. (Newark, New Jersey), her great niece and caregiver, Zebia Weh-Braddy (Newark, New Jersey), a host of nieces and nephews around the world; and dear friends in the United States and back home in Liberia. Betty will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who adored her.

May the Ancestors shine a light on Betty's path...

Order of Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 AT 11:00 AM
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH , 153 GLENWOOD AVE., EAST ORANGE, NJ 07017

Song Selection
Processional
Opening Selection
Prayer
Welcome Address

Zuumah Gayeman
Pastor & Family
It Is Well
Catherine Duyen-Woart
Robert Duyen Jr.

Scripture Reading

Theme: Don't Mourn In Vain

Old Testament
New Testament

Psalms 23:1-6 - Sieneh Weh
1st Thessalonians 4:13-18- Jaden Weh-Palmer

Prayer for the Family & Sermon

Dr. Julian Williams

Song Selection

Henry Harmon

Tributes/Remarks

(please keep tributes to under 5 mins)

Organizations

Lofa County Association-New Jersey Chapter
Lofa County Association-New York Chapter

Family

Aaron Kennedy
Paulsumo Duyen
Sieneh Weh

Friends

Regina Hicks-Wray

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Obituary
Sending Song
Recessional

Gertrude Kehleay
Tanisha Kehleay
I'll Fly Away

