



Mrs. Doris Christine Ellison

May 18, 1928 - July 22, 2018

Doris Warfield was the eldest of nine children born to the late Mother Virginia and Deacon Samuel S. Warfield. At an early age, the family lived in Bell City, MO where young Doris worked along with her parents in the family's farming business. Doris' parents were second-generation members of the Church Of God In Christ, and they raised Doris and her siblings in the fear and admonishment of Holiness and Sanctification. Doris would always follow her mother's directives with church fundraising: dinner sales, ice cream sales, sewing circle, and other various fundraising projects.

Young Doris attended elementary school in Sikeston, MO, but relocated to South Bend, Indiana in 1947 to further her education. She lived with her Uncle Sampson Wilkins and attended Benjamin Harris School, graduating from Washington High School in Indiana.

Doris accepted the Lord as her Savior at Liberty Street Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Davis. In 1951, Doris married Elder Richard Hackworth until his death in 1971, and from that union, four children were born: Terry, Linda, Bryan and Sharon.

Doris worked in a defense plant in Valparaiso, IN until Elder Hackworth decided to relocate their family to Milwaukee, WI. In the 1960s, Sister Doris and Elder Hackworth joined Emanuel Church Of God In Christ, and later joined Mason Temple Church of God In Christ under the late Pastor CB Stokes.

In the 1970s, Sister Doris Hackworth worked as a nurse's aide at County General Hospital, then later at Northwest General Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. During her lifetime, Doris relocated several times; holding various jobs. While in Missouri she worked for the VA Medical Center, as a food service employee. Her food service position peaked her interest in farming once again, subsequently, Sister Doris purchased a small farm, built a new home; raising cows, and harvesting fruit and nut trees.

Though short-lived, in 1983 Sister Doris married the distinguished Mr. Leroy Ellison in Broseley, MO until his death in 1985. After Brother Ellison's death, Sis. Ellison moved back to Milwaukee.

In Milwaukee, Sister Ellison joined El-Bethel Church Of God In Christ, to support her sister Arvis and her brother-in-law, the late Pastor Joel J. Kinlow. Doris was a faithful and supportive member; whereby, she participated with the women's department.

During her 11 years in California, Sister Ellison attended Sunrise Church Of God In Christ, worshipping with her sister Lorene and her brother-in-law Pastor Clefo Townsel until their deaths. Afterward, Sister Ellison moved back to Milwaukee, WI.

In 2012, Sister Ellison rejoined Mason Temple Church Of God In Christ under Bishop Osie Tatum, Jr. Despite her declining health, Sister Ellison attended church as much as possible, never wavering in her love for the church and the Lord.

Sister Ellison loved her family. She assisted her younger sisters and brothers with business and family endeavors whenever possible. During her lifetime, Sis. Ellison was a member of National Active and Retired and Federal Employees Association (NARFE). Sister Ellison was an excellent cook; her culinary and canning expertise could rival that of any professional chef. She was an excellent homemaker, having the uncanny knack of making something from nothing. Like her mother, Sister Ellison was a professional seamstress, with a flair for quilting. She loved gardening; cultivating flowers and plants.

During her later years, Sister Ellison was an avid news watcher. She often stated, if given another opportunity she would have become a news reporter, as she would often regale detailed knowledge surrounding social, economic, political and world affairs.

Sister Ellison transitioned from this world, on the morning of Sunday, July 22, 2018. She is preceded in death by her mother and father; Mother Virginia Warfield and Deacon Samuel S. Warfield. Her husband Elder Richard Hackworth, and later Brother Leroy Ellison; two sisters Mary Fredrick and Lorene Townsel; three brothers Walter, James and Samuel Warfield, and one daughter Sharon Hackworth.

She leaves to cherish her memory; one daughter Linda (Paul) Owens, two sons Terry and Bryan Hackworth all from Milwaukee, WI. She is survived by three sisters; Delois Deshazer, Texas, Arvis Kinlow Milwaukee, WI, and Shirley (Winston) Dolland, Minnesota and two sisters-in-law, Lillie and Doris Warfield.

She leaves to cherish her life a host of grandchildren, great children, and nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mason Temple COGIC
6908 N. 35th St.
Milwaukee, WI

Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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6098 N. 35th St.
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