
**HOMEGOING SERVICE
FOR
MRS. KATHERYN D. FIFYAW**



Saturday, May 15, 2004 - 10:00am



*Christ Chapel New Testament Church
220 Dixwell Avenue ~ New Haven, CT*

*Bishop William M. Philpot, Sr. Officiating
Reverend Yvonne R. Philpot, Eulogist*



Order of Service

... and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes
Revelations 7:17

Musical Prelude Sister Blonzer Jones
Processional Clergy and Family
Invocation Bishop Philpot

Scripture Reading

Psalms 27 Reverend David McClure
St. John 14:1-18 Selected
Prayer of Comfort Deacon Henry Moore

Solo Sister Blonzer Jones
"God Specializes"

Remarks:

Mr. Liston Filyaw

Solo Sister Ruenella Barnes

Acknowledgments and Obituary Deaconess Lillian Blount
Church Resolution

Eulogy Evangelist Yvonne R. Philpot

Musical Selection Combined Choirs

Recessional



Services entrusted to

Bell Funeral Home Inc. ~ New Haven, CT
Interment ~ Beaverdale Cemetery - Hamden, CT

KATHERYN D. FIFYAW

KATHERYN DOROTHY FIFYAW, daughter of the late Liston and Betty Bryant completed her journey in this life on May 9, 2004 after an extended illness. She was raised by her father and grandmother Mary Susan Jacobs, and was the third of five children.

A native of Wallace, North Carolina, she relocated to New Haven, Connecticut after graduating from college, where she met and married Macceo N. Filyaw. To this union were born three children: Liston Nathaniel, Deborah Eileen and Anthony Jerome.

She became blind at an early age after an accident on a swing receiving a brain tumor. Determined to continue life and not let her handicap hold her back, she attend the School for the Blind in Raleigh, North Carolina. Upon graduating from high school she attended North Carolina A & T, but transferred to North Carolina Central University (formally North Carolina College) where she graduated with honors with a Bachelors degree in English.

She was also a trained classical opera singer and had a beautiful soprano voice. One of her favorite songs was "A City Called Heaven". In addition to being serious and focused, she had a sense of humor and was determined not to tell her age and would often say, "I'm 39 and holding like Jack Benny."

Her employment consisted of working for the Board of Education for the Blind for several years where she made aprons, baby bibs, potholders, etc. on their power motor sewing machine. She was an ordained Deaconess at Christ Chapel and a former member of the Community Baptist Church.

She leaves cherished, precious memories of her life with two sons: Liston Nathaniel Filyaw of Windsor, CT; Anthony Jerome Filyaw of New Haven, CT; one daughter, Deborah Eileen Filyaw, of New Haven, CT; one sister, Mae Fennie Robinson of New Haven, CT; two brother-in-laws; William Filyaw of West Haven, CT; Charles H. Hewett of Leland, NC; four sister-in-laws, Thelma Bryant of Wilmington, NC; Aletha H. Higley and Gracie L. Baldwin of Leland, NC; Dorothy M. Jackson -Greenwood of San Diego, CA and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Macceo N. Filyaw; her parents, Liston and Betty Bryant; her brothers, Carson, Fred and William Bryant.