

A Celebration of Love

Honoring the Life of

ALICE M. ANDERSON

January 7, 1919 – August 17, 1999



Tuesday, August 24, 1999 — 10:00 A.M.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL/ST. BENEDICTA R.C. CHURCH
1265 Castleton Avenue
Staten Island, New York

Alice M. Anderson

1919 - 1999

The Apostle James said that 'Faith without works is dead.' Alice's life was a testament that she believed her destiny was to serve. She indeed proved her faith knowing that only what she did for Christ would count. She found joy in living as well as giving which she did so naturally and unselfishly. She did help somebody; she did not live in vain.

It would be difficult to sum up her life in a few words, but many knew her in one capacity or another — as a sister, a friend, a teacher, a fellow worker, a community leader, and above all, as a devout christian.

Alice was born in McDonald, Pennsylvania, on January 7, 1919, the second daughter of William Givens and Katherine Gore Anderson. She was educated in the McDonald public school system. She became a baptized believer at an early age, using her beautiful talent of music to glorify the Lord.

Following her graduation from McDonald High School, Alice obtained a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Alabama State College, Montgomery, AL (1954). She acquired a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from New York University (1957), and a second Master's degree in Reading from Jersey City State College (1975).

Alice's major was music with specialization in Voice; her minor was English with specialization in Drama. She was highly regarded for her broad professional experience in education. She also made her mark in the early part of the century when she performed with the National Negro Opera Company at Carnegie Hall, among other concert venues, as a contralto soloist and musical artist. She studied voice at Knoxville College, TN and the Juilliard School of Music in New York City.

She "put her education on hold for nine years" because of illness in her family and moved to Castleton Corners in 1943. She was employed by the Veterans Administration in New York City. In 1947, she worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Sea View Hospital. In 1952, she taught music at Alabama State College, Montgomery, AL. She returned to a teaching position at the Port Richmond Day Nursery in 1956 and in 1958 became the resident director-counselor at Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA. In 1962, Alice returned permanently to Staten Island and taught special education at PS 25 for the New York City Board of Education until her retirement in 1985.

Her retirement only meant more time for Alice to work more prodigiously for her church and in the community on Staten Island and Lakewood, NJ where she resided from 1990 to 1994. She served faithfully as a Eucharistic Minister and was a member of the Legion of Mary at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/St. Benedicta R.C. Church. She is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Council for Negro Women. She holds memberships in Lambda Chapter, Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc., a business and professional women's sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Urban League, Sandy Ground Historical Society, Universal Theatre of the Arts and Project Hospitality.

Alice leaves a rich legacy, love and beautiful memories for those who feel a keen sense of loss in her passing, especially her cousins: Charlene and Charles Hall, Deborah McNeil and Dawn Watkins, Harrisburg, PA; Raymond and Henrietta Gray, Gaithersburg, MD; the Carter Clan, Pittsburgh, PA and Washington, DC. Among those whose life she has touched in a special way is Pamela "Pam" Washington and Anna May Sellenthin with whom she shared the most sacred bond of friendship.

Included with those who will share reflections of many beautiful moments is a universe of "special friends" and associates, and her beloved "sisters" in Lambda Kappa Mu.

The Christian Celebration

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/St. Benedicta R.C. Church

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The Procession

Greeting

Sprinkling of the Body

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Anna May Sellenthin
Lamentations 3:17-26

Responsorial Psalm 42

"My soul is thirsting for Living God.
When shall I see Him face to face?"

New Testament Reading Thelma Washington
St. Paul to Romans 6:3-9

Alleluia and Verse

The Gospel St. Luke 12:35-40

Homily

General Intercessions

The response is
"Lord, hear our prayer."

Presentation of the Gifts Marian Cooney
Helen Valentine

- Bread and Wine are brought to the altar.
- Offering of the Bread and Wine.

The Preface of the Mass

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

AMEN, AMEN, AMEN

The Sign of Peace

"Lamb of God"

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Musical Interlude

Reflections Mabel Harris

Brenda Bell

Ruth McDonough

The Recessional

Entombment: Woodbridge (NJ) Memorial Gardens
Funeral Arrangements: Harmon Funeral Home

Something To Those She Loved

*If I should ever leave you, whom I love
To go along the Silent Way, grieve not,
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
of me as if I were beside you there.
(I'd come . . . I'd come, could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)*

*And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,
please do not let the thought of me be sad . . .
For I am loving you just as I always have . . .
you were so good to me!
There are so many things I wanted still to do,
so many things to say to you.*

*Remember that I did not fear
It was just leaving you that was so hard to face.
We cannot see beyond, but this I know:
I loved you so . . . 'twas Heaven here with you all!*

In Appreciation

During this period of bereavement in the death of Alice, the many expressions shown by word or deed have been profoundly appreciated. The depth of our feeling to you, our friends, cannot be measured, but we are grateful for all that you have done for her and for us. The love and overwhelming kindness and thoughtfulness you have shared with us has given us strength through this most difficult time.

Special thanks to the medical community who provided our relative, Alice Anderson, professional support:

- Primary physicians and specialists*
- Sisters of Charity Medical Center, St. Vincent's Campus*
- Clove Lakes Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. ~ Dr. Thomas Fealey and Staff*
- Safe Harbor Healthcare Services*
- VNA, Staten Island*

*May God bless each of you,
The Family of
Alice Anderson*