

# 1907 Her Journey, 2016

Alyce Lillian Ellis Dixon entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Community Living Center at the Washington DC VA Medical Center. Alyce was born on September 11, 1907, the third of nine children in Boston, MA to the late Fannie Grant (Ellis) and James Ellis. Just before Alyce's senior year of high school, the family came to Washington, DC to visit her father's mother and never left. Alyce graduated from Paul Dunbar High School in 1925 and began classes at Howard University soon after. It was a short-lived college career because Alyce quit Howard and got a job as a secretary at The Lincoln Theater to help her parents support her younger siblings.

When Alyce was in her early thirties she began suffering from vitiligo, a condition that causes skin pigmentation. She thought the military could help her but was disappointed when she found out there was nothing they could do for her condition. Alyce decided to join the Army anyway and was selected as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WACs) who were sent on a tour overseas to Europe. She was chosen to become one of the first black WACs who became a part of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion dispatched to Birmingham, England in 1943. They were charged with clearing up the enormous backlog of undelivered mail. Once the backlog was cleared up in England, they were sent to France. Alyce loved to travel and while in the Army she was able to travel to Paris, Florence, Rome and a few cities in Germany. Alyce left the WACs in 1945 and returned to a job at the Pentagon where she worked until she retired in 1972 at the age of 65.

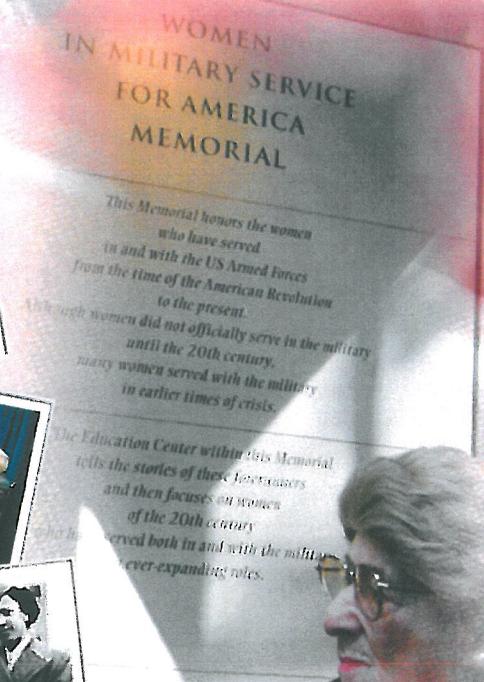
In a life spanning more than a century, Alyce experienced a great many things - the Great Depression, six major American wars, the construction and fall of The Berlin Wall and the election of the first black president. Asked if she had any regrets, she said she only had one - she wanted to be taller.

Alyce was a longtime, faithful and active member of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church until an infection caused her to have her leg amputated. Alyce was also a faithful supporter of many charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the National Association of the Blind and several Veterans' organizations.

Alyce leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Dorothy Spriggs; nieces and nephews - Gregory Spriggs (Denise); Gayle Vailles; Alan Spriggs (Annette); Cheryl Davis (William); Carolyn Parsons; Charles Sears, Jr. (Delores); numerous great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Alyce was preceded in death by her sisters, Florence and Beatrice and her brothers, Ralph, James ("Jimmy"), Robert ("Bob"), Howard and Frederick ("Fred").

# REMEMBERING

# Alyce



Monday, February 8, 2016

VISITATION: 9:00 A.M. HOME GOING SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

4625 G Street, S.E. - Washington, D.C. 20016

REVEREND LORETTA E. JOHNSON

Officiating

## Order of Service

- Greetings Rev. Loretta E. Johnson
- Invocation
- Selection Blessed Assurance, Pg. 369
- Old Testament Scripture: Psalms 23
- New Testament Scripture: John 14: 1-8
- Prayer of Comfort
- Selection Jones Memorial Choir
- Acknowledgements
- Reading of the Church Paper
- Selection Jones Memorial Choir
- Reflections VA Nursing Home Staff  
Karen Waters  
Francis Henderson
- Selection Jones Memorial Choir
- Reading of the Obituary
- Selection Jones Memorial Choir
- Eulogy Rev. Loretta E. Johnson
- Commendation
- Benediction

CASINO



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ARMY CORPS  
*6888th Postal Directory Battalion*



INTERMENT  
FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY  
3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, Maryland

PALLBEARERS

*Friends and Family*

FLOWER BEARERS

*Friends and Family*

REPAST

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
4625 G Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

IN LOVING MEMORY



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of Alyce L. Dixon would like to thank the many family and friends for their acts of kindness, prayers and expressions of condolences. A special thank you to Rev. Loretta E. Johnson and the Jones Memorial United Methodist Church family for their generous support. May God continue to bless each of you always.

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LILLIAN ELLIS DIXON

SEPTEMBER 11, 1907 ~ JANUARY 27, 2016