



Rebecca Dyson

September 29, 1938 - March 31, 2021

Rebecca (Beck) Dyson was born on September 29, 1938, and was called by our Lord and Savior into her eternal rest on March 31, 2021 after a difficult battle with Metastatic Breast Cancer. She was born in Sumter, South Carolina to the late John and Christine Johnson, and was the 2nd oldest of 11 children. Beck attended and graduated from Lincoln High School in Sumter where she was a star on the basketball team along with her oldest sister. After high school, she was accepted to Morris College in Sumter where she majored in mathematics. Beck secured a job teaching Math in Lakeview, South Carolina where she taught for many years. After leaving Lakeview, she moved to New York briefly, and then moved with her family to New Haven, CT in 1970. While in New Haven, Beck continued to teach math to students in grades 7 through 12. While married to her former husband William Dyson, Beck gave birth to three sons, Wilfred, Erick and Michael, who kept her on her toes until her last day. She never missed a night to keep her sons covered in prayer. Beck was a quiet spirit who loved reading, watching girls basketball (especially UCONN girls), and going to the casino. In her spare time, she completed complex jigsaw puzzles and watched Perry Mason vehemently by day and Columbo by night. Beck was also fiercely dedicated to giving back to others. She played a key role in the PTOs at her sons' schools, helping to sell countless spaghetti dinners to raise money. She was an active member of the New Haven Retired Teachers Organization, and served as Treasurer until she became incapacitated. Beck was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist

Church over the past 20 years, as she served on the Missionary Board, the Mother's Board, and the Scholarship Foundation.

Beck leaves to cherish her memories her beloved children Wilfred Dyson (Pondra), Erick Dyson (Stacie), Michael Dyson (Keyona); siblings Rosa Twiggs (Leo), John Johnson, Carrie Hopes (L.C. Bob), Pearl Williams , Earl Johnson, Hazel Stanley (George), Joseph Johnson (Yvonne), James Johnson (Jennifer), Miranda Johnson and Shirley Stokes; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Beck was predeceased by one brother who died as an infant and one niece, Cheryl Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 6. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
26 Edwards Street
Hamden, CT 06517

Funeral Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rebecca Dyson*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *To Carrie Hopes, the Hopes Family, and the Dyson Family, I offer my condolences for your loss. May the many beautiful memories of laughter and joy bring you sufficient peace and comfort during this difficult time. I pray God's blessings for you families.*

Carolyn Baker - April 11, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ *The New Haven Federation of Retired Teachers sends our sympathy to Rebecca's family. We are thankful for her service to our union.*
Nancy Charest, President NHFT-933R



Nancy Charest - April 07, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Carrie Hopes & Family,
Sending our Condolences to the Family in the passing of your sister (Beck).
We go way back and she will be missed. God is our comforter and he is with you now and the days to come. You are in our prayers.
God bless you & we love you,
Roosevelt & Menia*



Wilhelmenia Parsons - April 07, 2021 at 09:05 AM

WP

“ *Wilfred Erick, Michael & Family,*

You all are in our prayers. We will miss her dearly. She was a friend of mine for years and we shared a lot and she loved you boys and the rest of the family. Seek God for your strength at this time he will comfort you. I'm here if you need me.

*God Bless You
We love you,
Roosevelt, Menia,
Marcus & Maya
Parsons*



Wilhelmenia Parsons - April 07, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rebecca Dyson.*



April 05, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Dyson.*



April 05, 2021 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ It's been many years of seeing you from high school class of 89...but I had much respect for you cause you ment well thru your teaching and outside of teaching ,you'll be truly missed..my sincere condolences 🌸 to the entire family ..to mike I'm so sorry for your loss it's been long long time..



janet soto - April 05, 2021 at 12:53 PM

FC

To the family of Rebecca Becky Dyson I would like to send my deepest and sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one Becky will truly be missed by all of the people that she came in contact through her teaching and all that came in contact with her he will truly be missed know that I will continue to keep the entire family and my prayers
Florence Caldwell

Florence Caldwell - April 07, 2021 at 09:58 PM

HS

To the family of Rebecca Dyson I would like to take this time to offer my sincerest condolences on the loss your loved one you will be in my prayers Hazel B p a p a s

Hazel B p a p a s - April 07, 2021 at 10:15 PM

RM

“ So sorry to learn of Becky's passing. She fought the good fight, she kept the faith. She and I taught together at Cross, and while we didn't see each other often, we maintained our friendship over the decades. Rest in peace, Becky. Condolences to her sons, siblings, and to the extended family. I offer my prayer of comfort to you all.

Rita McDougald-Campbell
Trumbull

Rita McDougald-Campbell - April 05, 2021 at 12:49 PM

AA

“ *Mrs. Hopes so sorry to here about your sister we love*



anna atkinson - April 05, 2021 at 11:03 AM

FC

To the family of Rebecca Becky Dyson at this time I would like to offer my sincerest and deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one Becky will truly be missed by all of those who loved her your family will be in my prayers Florence Caldwell

Florence Caldwell - April 07, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rebecca Dyson.*



April 05, 2021 at 08:38 AM

BF

“ *Barnes Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rebecca Dyson.*



Barnes Family - April 04, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rebecca Dyson.*



April 03, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Dyson family*



Felicia Wright-Carpenter - April 03, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rebecca Dyson.*



April 03, 2021 at 05:32 AM



“ *My condolences to the Dyson family. It was a pleasure to have worked with Mother Dyson on Friendship Missionary Board. She was a pleasant an dedicated worker, eager to do what ever was needed to help others. She will be missed by the missionary and friends.*

Martha Dye, Friendship Baptist Church Missionary

Martha Walton Dye - April 02, 2021 at 08:50 PM

RC

Sincere sympathy to the Family of Rebecca Dyson. Rebecca and I were neighbors for many years on Division Street and we were both teachers in New Haven Public School. We also shared numerous conversations on how to improve learning for all students. She loved her boys and her family very much. May her inspiration of the simplicity of life and the joy she shared with all give you comfort at the time. God 's strength to each of you in the days ahead.
Rose B. Coggins and family.

Rose B. Coggins - April 03, 2021 at 11:49 PM

PP

Our deepest sympathy to all of Rebecca's family. Rebecca was an amazing woman, mentor and friend. We met her in 2007 at meetings to stop the electric rate increases. Rebecca was a powerhouse of an organizer. We were with her at meetings, rallies, and at the state legislature giving public testimony. We even went door-to-door leafleting with her in the middle of winter. And we won some of the battles in the 8 years of speaking out, due to her persistence, hard work and bringing other people into the organizing. In so many ways she inspired us by her kindness, looking out for others and fighting for justice. She did all this with a sense of humor and optimism. We're grateful for having had her in our lives and especially for her friendship.

*Our condolences,
Paula and Frank Panzarella*

Paula and Frank Panzarella - April 06, 2021 at 07:43 PM