



Thelma Beatrice Ferguson

February 7, 1925 - June 29, 2013

Obituary

Thelma B. Ferguson was born February 7, 1925 in Lonoke, Arkansas to the late Mr. Haven F. Yancey and the late Mrs. Minnie L. Yancey. Thelma received her early education from schools in Little Rock, Arkansas and completed high school at Dumbar High School before coming to Berkeley, California in 1946. Thelma attended the city college of San Francisco earning an associate degree in business. In 1946, Thelma along with her family joined with Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, under the late Rev. Charles Warren. Thelma loved to sing and joined the Eventide Choir under the direction of the late Ed Stallings.

At a very early age her parents planted a seed in her and her sister Cora that "It's better to give than to receive." Thelma served in various official capacities in the church. President of Taylor Memorial Federal Credit Union, United Methodist Women, Founder's Day committee, Church Treasurer, Women's Day committee, Vacation Bible School, Chairperson on Stewardship, Sanctuary Choir, Nurture Committee, Class Leader, Church Council, member of the Finance Committee, member of Pastors midweek Bible class and has been recognized for her volunteerism at the church in helping where she could. In 2003 she was honored and recognized for Christian Woman of the year by Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church. In 2005, she was honored as one of Taylor's Living Legends.

In her community she served in the following capacities, founding and current

Board Member of South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation with 49 units of housing for very low and low median income, with three commercial units. Founding and current Board member of William Byron Rumford housing with 43 units of very low, low and median income housing. Coordinator of Neighborhood Watch Group. Member of City of Berkeley Community Action Team and Berkeley Safe Neighborhood Committee. Member of John George Democratic Committee. Member of NAACP. For her work in the South Berkeley committee she was recognized at the state level by then California Assemblywoman Loni Hancock as Woman of the Year in 2007. She was formally recognized on the Assembly floor and taken out to lunch by the then Assemblywoman now California State Senator Loni Hancock. Also that same year, The city of Berkeley honored her by giving her own day in the City of Berkeley. She hosted several block parties in front of her home in which members of the community could interact with each other and elected city officials. She was also a member of the The Little Rock Dunbar High School Alumni Association. Thelma retired after 30 years of employment in 1992 from Bank of America.

In September of 1954 Thelma wed the late Alfred T. Ferguson in holy matrimony and to this union was added a daughter, Tanya Ferguson. Thelma loved her church and loved serving her church in any way that she could and did so until her health prevented her from attending services. She loved her family and she enjoyed cooking and loved to prepare favorite foods of each of her grandchildren. Her grandson Andre's birthday is on New Year's eve and his favorite dish of hers is her Gumbo and German Chocolate Cake and her granddaughter's favorite dish was Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Greens. She lovingly prepared their favorite food dishes on each birthday up until a year ago. She was delighted in having family holiday celebrations at her home in which she included friends and welcomed them to the table as family. Her grandson christened her with the name BoBo and she lovingly became known too many children and adults as "Bobo".

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
1331 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 525-1331
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

Service

JUL 3 (PT)

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
1188 12th Street
, Oakland, CA 94607

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