

# Homegoing Celebration

## For The Life Of

### Dorothy Lee Graves

Entered Life: November 17th, 1947 - Entered Eternity: April 24th, 2023

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

At 11:00 AM

Rev. Dr. Booker T Rose Jr - Pastor & Eulogist Commissioner Min. Kentaiwon Carter - Durham - Presiding

Youngs Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

710 Shirley Ave., Douglas, GA 31533

## Active Pallbearers

David Williams

Jimmy Lee Hancock

Javiontae Martin

Andy Williams

Kelsey Graves

Jimmy Louis Hancock

## Flower Attendants

PCC Employees

YCMBC Members

Friends

## Interment

Douglas City Cemetery  
1623 North Gaskin Avenue  
Douglas, Georgia 31533

## Repast

Young's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Social Hall  
710 Shirley Avenue  
Douglas, Georgia 31533

## Acknowledgements

The family of the late Sister Dorothy Graves expresses our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, phone calls, words of encouragement, visits, food, love and support shown during the loss of our loved one. It is difficult to describe just how much your gestures of support in our time of need means to us. To have a reminder from the people that care for us that we are not alone in our grief is immeasurable. It is only with the help of the wonderful people in our lives that we will be able to face the days ahead. May God return to you all in full measure.

## The Family

## Our Mother's Love

In tears we saw you sinking  
And watched you fade away  
Our hearts were broken  
We wanted you to stay  
But when we saw you sleeping  
So peaceful and free of pain  
How could we wish you back with us  
To suffer it again

Our hearts are completely broken  
But you did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God took you home  
We love you for your wisdom

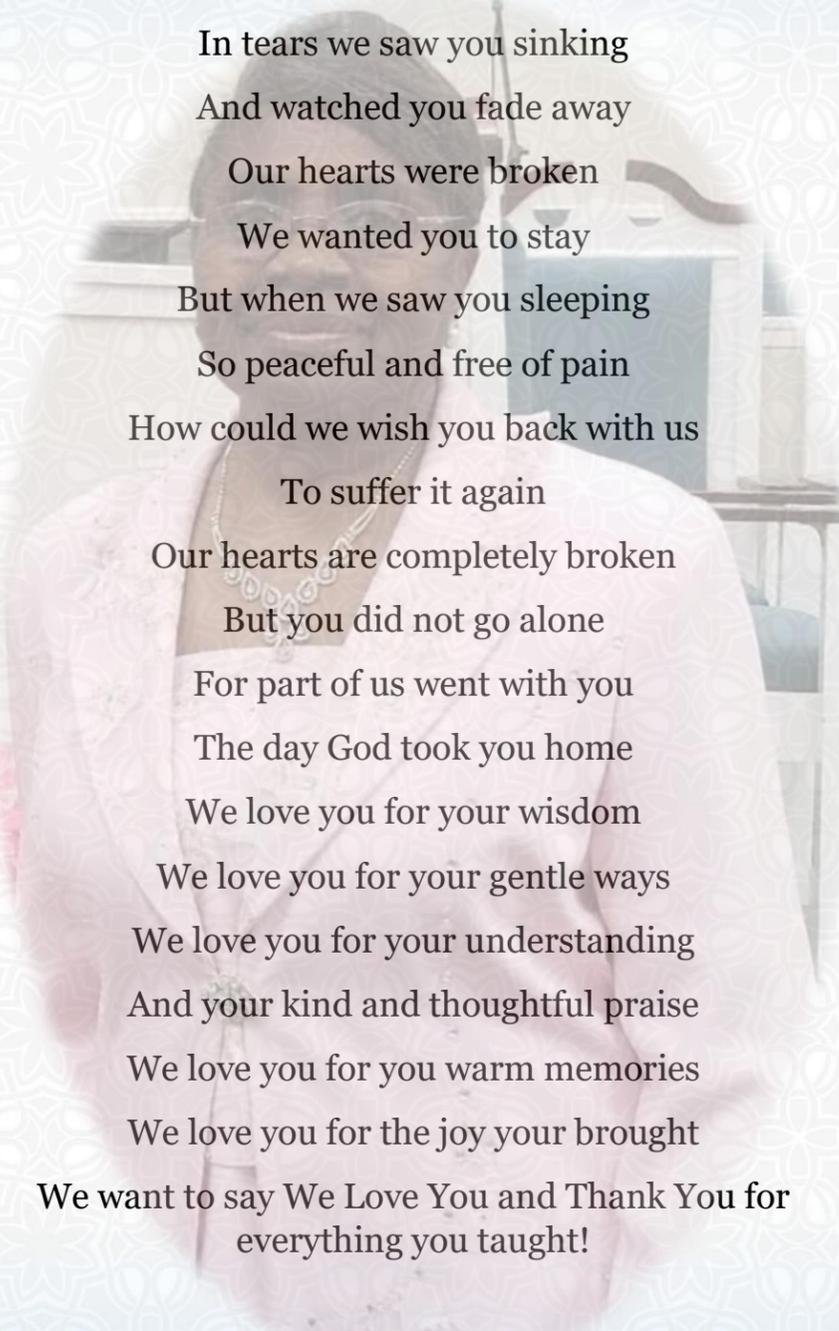
We love you for your gentle ways  
We love you for your understanding  
And your kind and thoughtful praise  
We love you for you warm memories  
We love you for the joy your brought

We want to say We Love You and Thank You for  
everything you taught!

With Our Undying Love-Your Children,  
Ruby, James Jr., Brenda, Sharon & Sharee

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME  
400 E. CHERRY STREET ~ DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533  
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# Life Reflections

"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"

The Lord has promised us peace. He is our strength and comforter, so cast all your cares on him. He is our present help in the times of trouble, trials, suffering and sorrow.

## A Time To Be Born:

Sister Dorothy Graves was born on November 17, 1947, in Douglas, GA. She was born to the union of Ruby Lee Balcom and Dan Williams. She was the youngest daughter of seven children.

## A Time To Live:

Sister Dorothy attended Carver High School. She was a dedicated employee of TRW for 21 years. She then transitioned her employment to PCC Airfoils, where she was a faithful employee for 35+ years where she later retired.

## A Time To Love:

Sister Dorothy met James Graves Sr. She married him on September 17, 1966. To this union, five children were born.

## A Time To Serve:

Sister Graves was a faithful stewardess of Young's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at an early age, where she continued to serve until her health began to fail. She was a member of the: Senior Choir, Kitchen Committee, and Mission In Action, as well as a previous member of the Pastor's Aide. Sister Graves loved her church, her family, sewing and music.

## A Time Of Sorrow:

Sister Graves was preceded in death by her parents, Ruby Lee Balcom and Dan Williams; four brothers, Vancy Williams, Charlie Williams, James Williams, and Richard Williams; one sister, Rosetta Handcox.

## A Time To Mourn:

Sister Graves leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, James Graves Sr.; five children: Ruby (Addis) Bell of Douglas, GA, James (Aurelia) Graves JR. of Covington, GA, Brenda (Gregory) Batts of Lumberton, NC, Sharon (Harvey Jr.) Martin of Douglas, GA, Sharee (Crystal) Graves of Charlotte, NC.; fourteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred (Alma) Williams of Columbia, SC.; one brother-in-law, J.L. Handcox; and a host of nieces, nephews, special friends and other relatives.

# Precious Memories



## Grandmothers Love

If flowers grow in Heaven Lord, then pick a bunch for us  
Then place them in our grandmother's arms and tell her they're from us.  
Tell her that We love her and miss her and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss on her cheek and hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy, we do it everyday, but there's an ache  
within our hearts that will never go away.  
We had a wonderful grandmother  
One who never really grew old  
Her smile was made of sunshine  
And her heart was solid gold  
Her eyes were bright as shining stars  
And her chubby cheeks we loved to see  
We had a wonderful grandmother,  
And that's the way it will always be.

# Order of Celebration

Commissioner Min. Kentaiwon Carter-Durham, Officiating

Processional.....Ministers, Family & Friends

Earth's Parting Glance

Crown Placement

Invocation.....Minister Hutchinson

Song of Praise.....Minister Darlene Jackson

Word of Life

Old Testament.....Clergy

New Testament.....Clergy

Song of Praise.....YCMBC Choir

Reflections of Life.....Please Limit 3 Minutes Please

As a Church Member.....Deacon Oscar Street

As a Friend.....Sister Alice McFatten

As a Grandson.....Kelsey Graves

Anyone Desiring to Speak

Song of Praise.....YCMBC Choir

Our Mother's Love.....Arlara Gaskin

Grandmother's Love.....Sister Mary Ann Huff

Song of Praise.....YCMBC Choir

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Booker T. Rose Jr.

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Committal Service

Closing Prayer

Recessional