



Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin

July 16, 1959 - July 31, 2020

Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin was born on July 16, 1959 in Westville, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Russell McKelvin; her beloved parents, Henry and Creola Drakeford and her loyal Labrador retriever, Tyson.

In 1971, Dorothy joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Westville, South Carolina. On August 28, 1994, she moved her membership to Israel Baptist Church (IBC) in Washington, DC. Until her health made it impossible, Dorothy was an active member of IBC, working with many ministries including Women's Health, Church School, STEM, Israel Manor Board of Directors, and the Trustee Ministry of which she was Chair at the time of her passing.

Dorothy's life was a living example of her favorite Bible verses, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." She took this verse to heart as she proudly proclaimed on her vehicle tag, "EQUIPPED."

After earning her Associate's Degree from Spartanburg Methodist College, Dorothy earned her Bachelors of Science in Biology from the University of South Carolina. She later earned her Masters of Science in Management from the University of Maryland University College.

Dorothy retired from the United States Government with a career spanning more than thirty years. She served the Millennium Challenge Corporation and Internal Revenue Service as a Procurement Director and Contracting Officer. Upon graduating from the University of South Carolina, she obtained an internship at the National Institutes of Health, where she later became a biologist.

Dorothy loved to travel and spend time with her family. She leaves to cherish her memory, two brothers: Eddie Drakeford of Glen Dale, MD, and Henry Drakeford, Jr. of Lancaster, SC; as well as four sisters: Grace Izzard (Charles) Garner, NC, Melanie Cofer (Charles) Columbia, SC, Janet Weeks Columbia, SC, and Sabrina Coleman (Jerome) Clearwater, FL. Her two aunts: Bessie Izzard Kershaw, SC and Lola Cureton Killeen, TX, and two uncles: Freddie Alexander Charlotte, NC and Walter Alexander Charlotte, NC who had a significant impact as they were all raised together in the same house. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Dorothy had an especially close relationship with her dear friends, Bobby McIntyre and Renee McEachern.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
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Service

AUG 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crawford Funeral Home
407 W. Marion Street
Kershaw , SC 29067

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin, Please Click the Link below.



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 10, 2020 at 08:30 PM

MN

Dear family, Jason and I send you condolences, caring, love and many prayers for your comfort, in the days ahead. May Dot's legacy live on in the hearts of those of us, who knew her.

Melbert Nelson, Jason and Family

Melbert H Nelson - August 11, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

DC

“ To the Drakford family, you have my deepest sympathy and my prayers will continue to flow your way. Dot was not only a church member and office buddy to me, she was my friend.

*Blessings to you all
Debra B. Coleman
Israel Baptist Church*

Debra Coleman - August 12, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 12, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DK

“ Please accept my sincerely condolences on your loss. It is never easy to loose a close family member but it is even more difficult now without being to gather together to provide additional support. Know that your family is not alone and many are thinking of you and sending prayers for healing, myself included. May God's Peace be with you all and may you find comfort in knowing that you are all cared about.

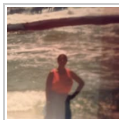
Diana Kelser - August 12, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ Karen Wentz sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin

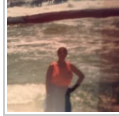


Karen Wentz - August 11, 2020 at 11:27 PM



The Butterfly: “Symbolic of Metamorphosis” -Dearest Dot, As you take flight, let us pray you find your rest on angel wings...but a ‘watchful visit’ on perhaps the wings of butterflies in the IBC Memorial Garden amongst other saints & souls at rest!

Karen Wentz - August 11, 2020 at 11:41 PM



Trustee Karen A. Wentz

Karen Wentz - August 11, 2020 at 11:46 PM

DW

“ *Dr. Karen A. Wentz lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin*



Dr. Karen A. Wentz - August 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM

SM

“ *We are honored and Blessed to have known Dot. She was truly a blessing in our life and Israel Baptist Church. We will miss her. Our condolences to the family.*
Rev. George & Deacon Sheila Mcduffie

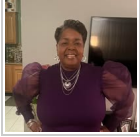
Sheila Mcduffie - August 11, 2020 at 06:38 PM

WR

“ *To the family of Dorothy Mckelvin we send our deepest sympathy. May God give you peace and comfort. Dorothy will be in our hearts forever. May she forever rest in heavenly peace. Love Mrs Garrett. Wendy and Dea Russell*



Wendy Russell - August 11, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Eddie and Family,*

Our love and deepest sympathies to you and your family. May the pain you feel now be nothing compared to joy found within the memories of Dot. I can't imagine the sadness you must be feeling from your loss. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

*Warmest Condolences,
Cynthia & Byron Graham*

Cynthia Porter-Graham - August 11, 2020 at 04:40 PM

ND

“ *Words cannot express the impact that Dot had on my life and the lives of countless others. She was a woman of quiet strength, grace, and class. She was so real and down to earth. I feel so blessed to have known her, to be welcomed by her, and treated as if I was a member of the family. She supported many of my endeavors. To my friend Melanie and the entire family, I love all of you and keep you lifted in prayer, love, and light. She is deeply beloved and deeply missed. A Beautiful Treasure!*

With Love, Nivia, Brandon, and Christian (who she let run all around her house :)

Nivia Divincenzo - August 11, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ *May the Lord be a comfort to your family and IBC . You were such a sweet and approachable woman servant of God and you will be greatly missed. RIP*

Latasha Wesley - August 11, 2020 at 02:59 PM

TT

“ There are no words to describe how much I will miss Dot. Her spirit was filled with love, hope, and a willingness to serve God at all times. My Mom and I will be forever grateful for the love and compassion she showed to us. I will forever hold her precious memories close to my heart. May God continue to bless you Melanie, Chuck, Eddie and all of her family and friends.

Tondalaya G. Reed and Mary E. Tatum - August 11, 2020 at 02:51 PM

AH

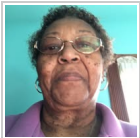
“ To the family of Dorothy McKelvin,

I am going to really miss working closely with Dorothy as Chairwoman of the Trustee Ministry at IBC. She did such an outstanding job in overseeing the day-to-day operations of IBC. She will be sorely missed!!!!

Dorothy has served and now receives the "biggest" reward - to always be in the presence of God. Well done thy good and faithful servant!

Deacon Alvin Hillman and E. Diane Hillman

Alvin Hillman - August 11, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Our prayers go out to the family. Dot will be truly missed. She went above and beyond to help the members of Israel whenever asked. Working with her was a joy.
Michael and Martina Proctor

Martina Proctor - August 11, 2020 at 11:16 AM

KR

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. Dot was so loved and gave so much of herself. She will be missed by all. May the family have comfort in knowing the love she gave and her selfless acts were paramount. From Kim, Sydney, and the rest of the family.

Kim Bolding Reyes - August 11, 2020 at 10:14 AM

AB

“ My prayers and warm thoughts go to the Drakeford family. May God continue to bless you and keep you during this time. Dorothy will truly be missed and her ability to get things done as a servant to GOD. Her steps were definitely ordered by GOD and she followed the path according to his word. GOD rest her soul as she takes her deserving heavenly place in GOD's hands. A true SERVANT!

Alton Byrd - August 11, 2020 at 08:54 AM

CW

“ The Family of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin:

I share your sorrow in the loss of your love one. My deepest sympathy is extended to you. God has surely welcomed her into His kingdom for eternal rest.

Cecelia Broadnax Williamson

Cecelia Williamson - August 10, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ We will miss Dorothy ‘a smile and loved she showed to everyone. Conversations I had with her was always good. We always paid each other compliments on our dress. Marshall and I will truly miss her. We lift the Family up in pray and may God continue to bless you all at this time.

Josephine Blackston - August 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ *Josephine Blackston lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin*



Josephine Blackston - August 09, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin.*



August 08, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin.*



August 08, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin.*



August 07, 2020 at 05:55 PM

ED

“ 31 files added to the album *Hey Ms. Dot*



Eddie - August 07, 2020 at 01:04 PM

MT

“ *Melba, Steven & Bakari Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin.*



Melba, Steven & Bakari Taylor - August 07, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ I want to dedicate this poem to the family. I truly believe Dot would want you to know this. Sorry I don't know the author's name.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dear Family and Friends,

I want you to know that I have moved. I received a call from God, the chief architect, who informed me that my new house was ready and that I could move in immediately. I just didn't have time to give you notice.

My new home is finished and it's such a beautiful sight to behold.

It is located in an exclusive estate area and it sits behind a beautiful Pearly gate, just off a serene celestial shore. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday here, I have been told.

There is Peace, Joy, and Happiness here with no more pain and cares of the world to bear. No strife, nor discontent, there is only sweet serenity everywhere. Let me give you my new address, because I highly recommend you make plans to live here too:

Dorothy Drakefort McKelvin

1 Gate to the City Avenue,

Godstown, Heaven 71717

P.S. I don't have a telephone yet, but just call God. If you don't have his number, He is listed in the good Book on every page - contact him.

*Much love,
Sharon Cofer-Wilford*

Sharon Cofer - August 06, 2020 at 08:24 PM

FP

“ *My deepest sympathies during your time of bereavement. With blessings and prayers, Frances Perkins*



Frances Perkins - August 05, 2020 at 08:09 PM

VH

“ *Veverly Harris lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin*



Veverly Harris - August 05, 2020 at 02:56 PM

CJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the Drakefords💜 Praying for God's comfort and strength to take you through this sorrowful time🙏*



Cynn timer Jones - August 05, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin.*



August 05, 2020 at 10:13 AM

EG

“ *She’s Beautiful. God bless your family.
-Eileen and Kenny Gillespie-*



Eileen Gillespie - August 05, 2020 at 10:01 AM

LF

“ *Eddie/Melaine,*

I was deeply hurt/sadden when I heard the new about Dorothy (Dot) I will always remember her smile and sweet spirit that she, Melaine and Eddie showed me when I first arrive to DC, and how she always had kind words to say to me. There were times she gave me comforting words when I may have needed to hear something positive. I grieve your lost and share some of your memories. I pray that she rest in peace with in her eternal home.



*Love always,
Linda Shearin Fitzpatrick*

LINDA SHEARIN FITZPATRICK - August 05, 2020 at 09:56 AM

DS

“ *Dennis And Brenda Slade lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Drakeford McKelvin*



Dennis and Brenda Slade - August 05, 2020 at 08:43 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - August 05, 2020 at 08:17 AM

GF

“ *Thank God for permitting our journey here to be shared in so many ways!
I will miss you dearly and cherish the memories of the opportunity to share so much!
Your impact on so many things will always be with us! “You fought a good fight finished the course”Now Rest In Peace my sister!
Thank you!
Love
Geri & Family 2020*

Geri Feaster-Bethea - August 04, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 04, 2020 at 04:13 PM

GB

what we see, last only for a while, what we don't see last forever. Grace, you may not see her anymore, but she is forever, with our Savior, Jesus The Christ. "Keep The Faith"

*Your Friend In Christ
Geraldine Barber*

Geraldine Barber - August 05, 2020 at 03:56 PM

SG

My deepest condolences to you and you family.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Blessings
Sandra Gomes*

Sandra Gomes - August 07, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JN

Eddie, Dot was such a lovely person and truly a gentle angel among us. We are so sorry for your loss and send love, comfort, and God's grace to you and family. I know her loss will be difficult to deal with but, if you listen closely, I believe you'll hear words of comfort for all of you from her. Please know that you are loved and held in the highest of esteem now and always. Love, JoAnne and Doc

Rather than sending flowers as I know you'll be receiving many, many, we're going to send a donation to the church in Dot's honor.

JoAnne Negola - August 10, 2020 at 06:25 PM



My deepest and sincere condolences to the family. I am praying that God will strengthen and comfort you during this time.

Remember all of the fond memories of Dot and all of the pictures in a frame. These memories will be your keepsake from which you will never part. God has Dot in His keeping, you will have her in your hearts.

She will be truly missed. Rest in Paradise Dot!

*Blessings,
Shirley Porter Hall*

Shirley Hall - August 11, 2020 at 12:11 AM

My sincerest condolences to the family. May God give you strength when yours is gone. May His grace and mercy carry you through this difficult time. May the unending love He has for you revive your hearts.

Your sister is resting with the Lord.

Love and blessings,

Jeri Dennis

Jeri Dennis - August 11, 2020 at 12:26 PM

Melanie and Eddie, we will surely miss Dot and all her love. She was our 'Angel' always smiling, always willing to help anyone at Israel. We pray God will provide the strength and courage for you and your family during this difficult period. Love Diane F Robinson and Anthony Clark

H. Diane Fagan Robinson - August 11, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DF

*To the family,
Dorothy was a very special woman. She had boundless energy and a willing spirit. She loved the Lord, her church. and its members. I and many others will miss her .*

Please find comfort in the truth that she is reaping her rewards and resting with Him.

Sincerest condolences.

Diane A. Flythe

DIANE FLYTHE - August 12, 2020 at 04:30 AM