



Dorothea B. Jordan

August 22, 1930 - May 1, 2020

Dorothea B. Jordan Obituary

Dorothea Nell Brown Jordan was born to Castella Ann Chavis and Herbert Lee Brown on August 22, 1930, in Nashville, TN.

Her family moved to Buffalo, NY sometime in 1947, where she graduated from Hutchinson Central High School on June 25, 1948. She attended Fisk University for a year, but later graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business Institute, Inc. in 1978, with an Administrative Secretarial Degree on June 3, 1972.

In 1979, Dorothea became the first Black to hold the position of Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Buffalo Museum of Science. She also performed the administrative tasks for the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences. In September 1984, Dorothea worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York until retirement in September of 1995. Dorothea was an active and faithful member of St. Luke AME Zion Church for more than 50 years, before moving to Lanham, MD to assist her daughter in opening her business in October 1996. A lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, she attended several churches with her daughter until she joined Pennsylvania AME Zion Church in Baltimore, MD with her daughter in 2010.

On March 10, 2001, Dorothea was an Three Score Plus Ten Women's History Month Celebration Honoree, presented by Councilwoman Dorothy F. Bailey, Council Member & Wayne K. Curry, Prince George's County Executive; and on May 19, 2002, she was awarded A Phenomenal Mother Certificate of Recognition, presented by Councilwoman Dorothy F. Bailey, Council Vice Chair, Prince George's County Council.

Dorothea is survived by her daughter Carla Ann Nelson Chambers and her husband John "Jake" Chambers; brother, Rufus Chavis Brown and his wife Eunice; stepson, Kenney Scott Jordan Jr., his wife Catherine and their children Yasmin, Zanthi and Jerome in Perth, Australia. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cousins, nieces; godchildren Leta Hollins Mussa, Phyllis Hollins Robinson and Dennis Hollins; multiple friends of Carla's that she adopted as her children; bonus grandsons Chika Ezeh and Daniel Bedenbaugh; and a host of friends from Canada to Hawaii.

Cards may be sent to Carla A. Nelson Chambers, 23 Sheraton Road, Randallstown, MD
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“ Thank you for everything Ma Jordan! You've taught me so much on how to be an exceptional individual. The unconditional care and love you gave to me during my childhood, made it an amazing one. Ma Jordan was an amazing lady, who had an amazing character, and I'm certain that she lifted up the spirits of all of those around her. Being her Godson, I'm truly blessed that she touched my heart and played a big role in my life. Ma Jordan was truly an amazing individual, and I'm glad that she made the world a little brighter with all that she accomplished and did. Once again thank you Ma Jordan!

God bless,

Daniel Bedenbaugh ~ and the rest of the Bedenbaugh family

Daniel Bedenbaugh - May 18, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ My dear, dear friend!...You are gone but will never ever be forgotten! Your spirit will live forever because you never met a stranger and your were full of love and laughter!
Rest in peace! Love Always!
Sheritta Grigsbyjavascript:void(0);

SHERITTA GRIGSBY - May 18, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ May God bless you and keep you. You have always been a loving cousin and the best friend a person can have. God has seen fit to reward you with your final resting place. Though we will miss you, we know you relieved of all sickness and sorrow and save and secure with your Savior.

Love and peace,
Rex & Roberta

Rexford Johnson - May 10, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ She would always bake cookies for me and send them to me by Carla. Very sweet lady. Mother of an amazing daughter, Carla.

Ricky Smith - May 09, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothea B. Jordan.



May 09, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Mother Jordan always had an awesome smile and a warm greeting. She was indeed a woman of GOD. Her legacy will indeed be carried on throughout this world. Lord Father God Almighty, we lift up right now Elder Carla and the family as they deal with Mom Jordan transition to Glory. For there are no human words that can truly express how they are feeling BUT You, Dear Father is the COMFORTER of ALL. Breathe on them Your Spirit of Rest, Love and Comfort during this new season of their life. "...Give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ..." Isaiah 61:3. May they find peace and strength in the time of need throughout the days ahead. In Jesus' Name AMEN! We Love You All!

The Corbins - May 09, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ I will never forget the fun we shared at the Thanksgiving dinner last year. We were both sitting next to each other at the dining room table covered in a blanket because it was kind of chilly that night. We laughed and talked during dinner and when everyone left the table we continued to sit there and laugh and talk to each other until the night was over. We laughed and giggled like two school girls. Never mind we were the oldest ones there. I will never forget you Dorothea, never. I will always love you and miss you. Now you rest in Jesus until I see you again on the other side. I love you.

Marie Thangadurai - May 09, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Ma Jordan, my “lifer”, Carla A. Nelson Chambers', mom, was my exemplar of “living full”. She loved life, her daughter, and left a warm positive impression that impacted the lives of many. She was my “go to” mom, when I was 17 and pregnant, and my mom was trying to figure out where she went wrong. Ma Jordan never closed her door, to me. Even after Carla moved away, I’d go to her to share, laugh, and receive sound, straight with no chaser counsel. The last time I called her, at her care facility, she asked, sharply (oh,oh, I knew I was interrupting something !), “Who’s this?” I responded, “It’s Jennifer, Ma Jordan—“ Before another word, “The nurse is here and I’m eating lunch. Call me back.” For the first time in my life, I didn’t remember to obey her command . Remembering, today, that my mom realized that she did nothing wrong; she and Ma Jordan had a conversation, or two, back then. She transitioned on my mom's birthday, and I believe my mom welcomed her, and they’re now looking upon their daughters, pleased that we’re doing just fine because of their love, compassion, and prayers. Earth’s loss is Heaven’s Gain! Love you, always, Ma Jordan !

Jennifer Earle Strickland - May 09, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Carla my heart Is praying for you. Hugs and love



shawnta privette - May 09, 2020 at 07:47 AM



“ Dear Carla:

My heart goes out to you throughout this time of sorrow that's so difficult for you. May the happy memories of your Mom bring help and comfort to you. I will always remember the wonderful times we all enjoyed together. Keeping you in prayer!

Love,
Miss Barbara

Barbara Glover - May 09, 2020 at 01:21 AM



“ To Carla and family, I am very saddened by the passing of Dorothea we last talked about a month ago where she was telling me about her illness and we agreed to keep in touch. We have been friends for over 20 years and I am really going to miss her. You and your family have our deepest condolences.

Mary M Thrist - May 08, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Such a beautiful tribute to your mom. I am definitely a witness of her love for you. I am sure she is looking down on you in comfort knowing that you are loved and that through you, she will not be forgotten.

Sarah

sarah boyd - May 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ What a beautiful picture, what a beautiful lady! Although I never had the pleasure of meeting you in person, we became fast friends over the phone these last few years.. You were such a delight each time I spoke to you. I always knew it was you on the phone immediately by your greeting - "Hey Girlfriend".

Well, girlfriend, I know the angels will be walking with you as you enter the gates of heaven. Goodbye, my girlfriend!

Kathleen

KATHLEEN M BUTERA - May 08, 2020 at 05:33 PM



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Carla Nelson Chambers - May 08, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ I remember this picture!

Michelle - May 08, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ So beautiful!

Michelle - May 08, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Carla, you look so much like her in this picture. Wow.

Michelle - May 08, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ An extraordinary tribute to a life well lived. It's such an honor to be a cousin connected to her lineage. Loving prayers to Carla, Jake, and the community of faith that celebrate her life and her transition into eternity.

Damita Chavis and her Nashville family.

Damita Lynee Chavis Fielder - May 08, 2020 at 08:19 PM



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“ Carla, you are definitely 'cloned' from Ma Jordan :-)!

Jennifer Earle Strickland - May 09, 2020 at 10:35 AM



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Carla Nelson Chambers - May 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Wow! Oh my goodness! I had to do a double take. You are Ma Jordan's mini-me.

Michelle - May 08, 2020 at 07:46 PM



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Carla Nelson Chambers - May 08, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Beautiful picture! She was a happy proud mother that day!!

Marie Thangadurai - May 09, 2020 at 10:54 AM



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Carla Nelson Chambers - May 08, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Aunt Bebe looks like granny on this picture. This is such a beautiful picture.

Marpessa - May 09, 2020 at 11:20 AM



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Carla Nelson Chambers - May 08, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Blessed to have known her and thankful for all the kindnesses shown especially at the loss of my infant daughter Raquel and to my only daughter Nnenna!! Pound cakes so delicious and generously given.

Phyllis Hollins Robinson - May 08, 2020 at 05:12 PM



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