



Dorothy V. Alford

March 11, 1944 - May 15, 2016

Dorothy Vivian Alford, daughter of the late Henry Mickens and Ethel Julia Grace Sorrell, was born on March 11, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was one of six children. She had three brothers; James, Daniel and Samuel and two sisters; Ethel and Lorraine. After a brave battle with a lengthy illness, she was granted her angel wings on May 15, 2016. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior early in life and was baptized

at the First Apostolic Faith Church. She was a dedicated member of Christ Deliverance Baptist Church, serving as both a member of the Usher Board and a member of the Inspirational Choir. She received great satisfaction from serving in the church and was held in high regard by her church family. She imparted her Christian values and strong sense of faith to her children. Dorothy received her education at Southern High School in Baltimore City. She attended college at the Community College of Baltimore County. Although she worked in a number of fields, including food service at Turf Valley Country Club and several years at Proctor and Gamble, she discovered her talent for working with children early in life. She dedicated a large part of her career to working with children in the Baltimore City Public School System. She was employed as a teachers' assistant at Glover Tillman Head Start and Rognel Heights Elementary School. Regardless the path she travelled, it always led her back to children. It was common knowledge that if a child had educational challenges, you should send them to Dotty.

Her home and heart were frequently open to children within her family and neighborhood.

One of Dorothy's greatest pleasures in life was being a mother. She had five children; Audie, Renee, Arlisa, Lawanda and Nicole. On August 18, 1977, she married the late Oscar Alford, to whom she was married for 12 years. She was a devoted mother and wife, always prioritizing the needs of her family above her own. She was a constant presence in the lives of her children, never missing a school program or music recital. Her gentle smile, sense of humor, excellent cooking, green thumb, baby soft skin and "Dorothy-isms" brought so much joy to her family and friends.

She leaves to celebrate her life: her "one and only son", Audie Mickens; three daughters, Arlisa Mickens, Lawanda Williams and Nicole Jones; one sister, Ethel McCoy; two sons-in-law, Troy Williams and Trevoron Jones; one daughter-in-law, Evette Thompson-Carey; one sister-in-law, Mamie Mickens; one nephew, Donald Briscoe, whom she helped raise as her own; her caregiver, Denise Knight; eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill

5829 Ritchie Highway
Brooklyn, MD 21230

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Public Viewing

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Christ Deliverance Church
711 Walnut Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

MAY **22**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy V. Alford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our condolences & prayers for the family of our beloved cousin Dorothy. May the love of God's peace and grace be with you all. Love, Berthaline Thomas & James Thomas Jr., in Arizona*



James Thomas Jr. - May 20, 2016 at 01:08 AM



“ *My prayers goes out the family. Hold on to God's unchanging hands.*



Pat Dixon - May 18, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Elven Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Dorothy V. Alford*



Elven Gilliam - May 18, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ We the March Family and 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.

March Funeral Homes - May 17, 2016 at 03:22 PM