



Dorothy B. Cowan

January 25, 1928 - June 27, 2014

Dorothy Bell Cowan, fondly known as Dot and later as “Granny-D” was born, the third of four siblings, on January 25, 1928 in Greenville, South Carolina. As a young woman Dot was vibrant, outgoing, and fun-loving. She enjoyed learning the latest dances of her time like, The Bid Apple and the Jitterbug, from her younger brother, Albert, who was a great dancer. She was enjoying life. Then in the mid 1950's tragedy struck. Her older sister, Margaret, died of heart disease- leaving behind 5 small children ages 2,4,6,7, and 8. A decision had to be made and Dot did just that.

At the tender age of 23, she took on the monumental task of raising her 5 nieces and nephews on her own. Single-handedly she worked to provide for them and did quite well, even without the advantage of an advanced education- living during an era where career opportunities of women were not a plentiful as they are today.

Dot chose not to marry or have children of her own, though there were two known proposals. It was later discovered she had made the sacrifice to ensure the well-being of the children she now had, but she always found a way to make it through-successfully raising a healthy happy crew.

Dot was a selfless, independent woman throughout her life. She always opened her door to the neighborhood kids who became her surrogate family.

She shared with them whatever she had. Whatever rules of the house she made her own children follow also applied to their friends as well when they were in her home, and believed me- they knew it! All she had to say was, "You better get yourself together, boy."

As the years went on the family grew as the children had children, and she became known as "Granny D." And in her later life, Dot was still a trooper who fought to the end. Determined to remain independent, she lived in her own until the ripe old age of 86- flatly refusing to live with anyone. She insisted on doing her own thing-and she did with the assistance of family.

God called Dot home on June 26th after having served 86 years on this earth.

Dot was preceded in death by her sibling, Margaret, George, and Albert Cowan and by Brenda Cowan-the oldest of the five children she raised and care for.

The celebration of her journey will be remembered by her sister's children who raised as her own- Cynthia James, Lynwood Cowan and his significant other Laverne Richardson, Ernest(Peca) Cowan and his wife Joanne Cowman, and Rennette Cowman.

Also left to celebrate the journey is the generation to who she became known as "Granny D"-3 Great Nieces, Cherry Stewart-Brown and her husband Kevin Brown, Kisha Cowan and Doniell Cowan; Great/Great nieces and nephews, Michael Kitrell, Jeffrey and Markee Alston, Tyrell and Anthony Richardson, Kala Muir, and Kennedy Jones.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

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Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 2. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

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Wake

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy B. Cowan*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ernest and Joann
May God Comfort you in your time of sadness. "Remember to
memories you shared with your love one" Peace be you. Sharon
Rogers (Ark Church).*

sharon rogers - July 03, 2014 at 10:14 AM




“ *Dear Family, please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of
your loved one, during this difficult time you can trust in God's
promises, from his word the Bible. He said at 1Corinthians 15:26).
And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing. What a
wonderful time that will be for the human family. My prayers are with
you all, please visit www.Jw.org. For more comforting scriptures.*

Maxine - June 28, 2014 at 04:51 PM

RI

“ Dear Family,
Some wonder what happens when a person dies and many people believe that any life after death will be in either heaven or hell. But have you ever thought about the possibility of the dead living again right here on earth? According to the Bible, resurrected ones will be among the meek who inherit the earth. Read John 5:28,29 and Psalm 37:11, 29, these Bible verses along with many others that has given comfort and hope to millions of people who will look forward to seeing their loved ones again. May God give you what you need to get through such grievous times.

Rita - June 28, 2014 at 03:55 PM

 Sophie
Strachan-
Moreno

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May the God of Comfort be with you at this difficult time. This same God promises that death will be done away soon and mankind will be at peace. Take comfort in the scripture at Rev. 21:3,4.

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - June 28, 2014 at 11:55 AM

EL

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. Death of a loved one is never easy to deal with and our heavenly Father knows this very well. That is why he made this promise in his word the Holy Bible that very soon death will be swallowed up so that we will not experience that pain anymore. This is found your in Bible at Isaiah 25:8. His wonderful son, Jesus Christ not only promised that there will be a resurrection of those that died; (John 5:28, 29) but he also demonstrated it when he resurrected his dear friend Lazarus from death; (John Chapter 11).*

I hope that during this difficult time these and other delightful promises from our heavenly Father bring some comfort to your family.

*For more faith building encouragement please visit www.jw.org.
Sincerely,
E. Lewis*

E Lewis - June 28, 2014 at 06:02 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 - June 27, 2014 at 03:06 PM