



Dorothy M. Dougherty

May 29, 1927 - December 3, 2019

Dorothy Mae Dougherty was born on May 29, 1927, in Baltimore, to the late George and Elva Johnson. She had one sibling, her late brother Edward. On October 4, 1945, Dorothy married the late Earl M. Dougherty. From this union, they were blessed with one daughter, Jeanne.

Dorothy attended Frederick Douglass High School. She later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Towson State College (now Towson University). She also completed graduate courses in policy science and library at the University of Maryland.

Most of Dorothy's professional career was in some facet of library services. From 1956 to 1959, she served as a library assistant at Enoch Pratt Library. She worked from 1960 to 1989 at the Social Security Administration. During most of those years, she served as a librarian for the agency. She was later employed by Baltimore City Public Schools in the area of education media.

Dorothy was a long-time dedicated member of Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, where she served as historian since 1978. She worked tirelessly to maintain the Church's Archival Center as a resource for researchers and for promoting interest in the historical heritage of the Church. She was the moving force in securing state and federal recognition to enable Sharp Street Church and Community House to be entered into the National Register of Historic Places from the U.S. Department of the Interior, thus designating the Church as a Historic Landmark in Baltimore. As a result of that designation, the Church received a grant, enabling it to replace the large stained-glass window on the Dolphin Street side of the Church.

In recent years, Dorothy played a major and pivotal role in the three-year-long planning and execution of the 2017 Sesquicentennial Celebration of Morgan State University. Her keen knowledge of, and resourcefulness on, the founding of the Centenary Biblical Institute (now Morgan State University) at Sharp Street Church in 1867, as well as the preliminary planning by members of Sharp Street Memorial UMC before that founding,

enabled the University to add greater and more definitive detail to its historical chronology. Dorothy was one of the visionary planners whose hard work led to the hosting of more than 80 activities in celebration of Morgan's 150th anniversary between December 2016 and December 2017, beginning with the landmark worship service at Sharp Street Memorial UMC on December 11, 2016.

Dorothy was a member of the NAACP and the American Library Association. Within the Church, she was chair of the Committee on Archives and History and a member of the Board of Directors of Mt. Auburn Cemetery. She was a member of the UMC Baltimore-Washington Conference Historical Society.

Dorothy was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Social Security Administration Achievement Award, the SSA Commissioner's Citation, the SSA Superior Performance Award, and the Great Blacks in Wax Special Recognition Award. From the Church, she received the Sharp Street Memorial UMC Historian Recognition Award, the Sharp Street Council Archivist Recognition Award, and the Sharp Street Church Naylor Hughes Unsung Hero Award.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

DEC 9. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

DEC 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

DEC 10. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Sharp Street Memorial U.M. Church
1206 Etting St.
Baltimore, MD

Service

DEC 10. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy M. Dougherty*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the family, I would like to share my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear love one. "When someone you love becomes a memory that memory becomes a treasure may that treasure fill your heart with love and bring you peace. " (Rev.21:4). My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

Lucy culbertson - December 09, 2019 at 05:59 AM



“ *W T Hill lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M. Dougherty*



W T Hill - December 08, 2019 at 06:57 AM

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*Sorry for your loss..
W.T. Hill- #103 HHG*

W T Hill - December 08, 2019 at 07:01 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 - December 04, 2019 at 06:37 PM