



Dorothy M. Joyner

September 11, 1933 - September 26, 2020

Dorothy Bell Joyner arrived at her new address on 1 Heaven Street on Saturday, September 26, 2020. She peacefully traveled from her own home to her heavenly home in her sleep.

Dorothy began her journey in Oak City, North Carolina born to a Primitive Baptist preacher Frank Bell and his loving wife Lula Mae both predeceased her. She was left in the care of Bessie, Mary, Katie, Ivory, Bessie, Frank, Asa and Roy who all predeceased her. She was baptized in the spring of 1933 at Jones Chapel Baptist Church. In January of 1960 she would join Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

She leaves to cherish her two babies Almondo Joyner (Keisha), Willette Joyner and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Book 1 begins in Oak City, North Carolina in 1933. She was number 11, a child born in the depression who would go to Training School and graduate at the top and travel to Winston Salem State Teachers College (now WSSU). She graduated in 1955 and received her credentials to teach in 1954. Dorothy received both an Undergraduate degree and Masters from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1971 in Special Education. She taught in both North Carolina and Virginia arriving in New Kent County, Virginia. She remained in her classroom for 27 years in the Richmond Public School

System teaching Special Education at George Mason Elementary School. A 40 year legacy of teaching!

Book 2 was a 40 year Christian Journey serving her church Holy Rosary catholic church as Parish Council Member, Ladies Sodality Member and Building and Development Committees. Her many works led to the goal of a beautiful new church built in her beloved Churchill community. She and her husband developed several community businesses, a grocery store A&W Superette and Bob & Lens restaurant. Known as the dynamic duo, the Joyner family would “Hook you up with some great southern family food featuring North Carolina BBQ”.

Book 3 in retirement she enjoyed traveling with her husband and family and hugging her grandkids. When her health changed Dorothy would love to have her daughter cook a big meal and have friends over. Fish fry Friday will continue.

The life of Dorothy will leave a lasting impression on the lives of many people she touched with her kindness and for who she was!

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy M. Joyner

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ A wonderful lady with a big heart who always had a smile on her face. Such a caring and thoughtful soul. No one could ask for a better neighbor. You will be sorely missed but we know that you are in heaven looking down on all of us. As we look up toward you...Bless you and God speed.

Tracy & Reissa Puritz

Tracy N Puritz - October 04, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ I will never forget Aunt Dot, she always had such a smooth quiet speaking voice, and was always very sweet. She will be missed. A beautiful homecoming for her. Willette and Almondo may you find peace in knowing that she is with her beloved Uncle Jack, and she will be forever in your hearts. With Love and Hugs Always, Barbara Joyner

BARBARA JOYNER - October 02, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family praying for you all Dea Bailey ,silver spring Maryland 🙏.



Bill Bailey - October 02, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Joyner.*



October 01, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ *Condolences to the family from Charlette and Roxanne: No Sympathy is deep enough, no words are caring enough to take away sorrow. We loved "DJ." Family, please know that you are and will continue to be in so many of our thoughts and prayers.*

Charlette Wilson and Roxanne Wall - October 01, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy M. Joyner.*



October 01, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *The Ladies' Sodality/Holy Rosary Catholic Church purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dorothy M. Joyner.*



The Ladies' Sodality/Holy Rosary Catholic Church -
September 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ 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 - September 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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So sorry we have just found out about our alumni member passing. Many memories about our alumna who was dedicated to the Richmond Metro Chapter of .WSSUNAA.

Nina Christian - October 13, 2020 at 10:08 PM