



Dorothy R. Kennedy

January 31, 1920 - November 24, 2019

Augustus and Epp Goss of the tiny town of Towns, Georgia welcomed a new baby girl, DOROTHY RUDEEN GOSS, into their hearts and lives on January 31, 1920. With Dorothy's birth, the Goss family now consisted of five sons - Milton, Davis, William, Leonard and CHarles, and the eldest daughter, Edwina.

Dorothy moved to Baltimore in 1942, where she met and married the late Norman Kennedy. When Norman died suddenly in 1965, Dorothy was left to raise their six young children as a single parent. Mom suffered another devastating loss when her eldest child and daughter, Brenda, died at 19 years of age in 1969. But God gave this grieving mother "beauty out of ashes" in the guise of her little grandson, Eric. Dorothy was the only mother the now 50-year-old Eric has ever known, and he was raised as a sibling with the remaining Kennedy brood - Bernard, Marvin, Veronica, Dennis and Reginald.

God always knows what we need and when we need it. He sent three amazing women into Mom's life. Her niece, Debbie, with her kind and gentle ways, spent many days caring for Mom. The daughter born from her heart, Joyce, often cared for Mom for days at a time, making sure Mom had everything she needed. Both of them gave her unconditional love and years of kindness, help and support. Thank you, Debbie and Joyce!

And let's not forget Kelly, Mom's daughter-in-love, who was Mom's chief caregiver for the past 15 years. God gave Kelly the grace and strength for this stressful role. She was truly an angel sent to Mom from God. The Lord supplied love and help to Kelly through others and through His presence. Many people stepped in from time to time to lend Kelly a hand. Their kind acts and words and prayers and thoughts and gifts and time allowed her to attend services and Bible study. The words "Thank You," dear Kelly, are not enough.

Mom accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at a young age. Her devotion and love toward her family were as unwavering as her devotion and passion toward God. Her place of worship started off at Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church, then Timothy Baptist Church, and her last stop was Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she became a treasured member of the Senior Diamonds Ministry. At the present time her youngest son, Bishop Reginald Kennedy is Senior Pastor, and her youngest grandson, Rev. Daniel Kennedy, is the Assistant Pastor, and for this Mom says, "To God Be The Glory!"

She retired from the now-defunct Levenson and Klein Furniture Store many years ago. Pretty much a home body, Mom kept her mind active by solving word search puzzles for hours every day. A quiet, reserved person, Mom possessed a dry sense of humor, and was an even-tempered person. She could, however, go "ballistic" if you walked up on her and startled her. She didn't like being surprised, so you had better announce your presence well in advance, or you might be the unwelcomed recipient of her "mean right hook."

Mom was a genuinely caring person who lived with her arms wide open. Her faith, strength and perseverance helped to guide her through a long joyful and fruitful life. She left a remarkable and memorable impression on everyone with whom she came in contact, but mostly her family.

Mom was preceded in death by all of her siblings, her husband, Norman, and her three oldest children - 1 daughter, Brenda, and 2 sons, Marvin and Bernard. Left to cherish precious memories are 1 daughter, Veronica; 1 daughter born from her heart, Joyce Kennedy; 3 sons and their wives, Dennis (Antoinette), Reginald (Kelly) and Eric (Lisa); 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; nieces, nephews, her Gospel Tabernacle family and a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to count.

Previous Events

viewing

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center
5616 Old Court Rd.
Randallstown, MD

Family Hour

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Randallstown, MD

Wake

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church
3100 Walbrook Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy R. Kennedy*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Bishop and Family,*

We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. We pray that God will grant you the strength that you need at this time. Our most sincere condolences are with you.

God Bless you,

Evangelist Daisy Fields & Family

Daisy F. - December 02, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Alice Rabb purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dorothy R. Kennedy.*



Alice Rabb - December 02, 2019 at 01:10 PM

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“ *Mama you was always there for there and thought about your oldest Grandson and your Great grand kids. I failed you by not being around now I'm feeling it I didnt get to even say good bye or I Love You but i do. Mama you are the most wonderful and strongest woman i knew and your forever in my heart. Imiss you dearly and wish I could've been around more. I Love You, the grandbabies Love you. Now i have no one to get those Russell Stovers chocolates for at Christmas, cause they was your favorite, and when you used to come down TO MY FATHER HOUSE I'D ALWAYS MAKE YOU SOME PIG FEET AND SAUERKRAUT what am i suppose to do now. As these tears run down my face as i write i know you gonna wipe them away, and just tell me everything gonna be alright Baby. Mama I miss you dearly and love you... Just do me one big Favor and let my Father know I really need him back in my life and I'm trying my hardest but its hard out here. let him know I love him*
love Bryan

bryan kennedy - December 02, 2019 at 02:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy R. Kennedy.*



November 27, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy R. Kennedy.*



November 27, 2019 at 03:42 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 - November 25, 2019 at 09:20 AM