



Dorothy Mae Reese

April 7, 1931 - August 30, 2022

Dorothy Mae Garrett Reese was born on April 7, 1931, in Skippers, Virginia, to the late Moses and Luvenia Garrett. She entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at the Keswick MultiCare Center in Baltimore Maryland.

Dorothy received her formal education from Greensville County Public Schools. After earning her high school diploma from Greensville County Training School in 1948, she continued her education at Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia and, later, at the Community College of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dorothy later joined the late Peter Guta Reese in marriage, and two children were born from this union: Vivian Augusta Reese (deceased) and Alvin Darnelle Reese. She is also the cherished mother of her beloved son, Lorenzo Garrett.

Known as Dot or Dottie by her family, friends, and colleagues, Dorothy lived a full life. For nearly 40 years, she worked as a dedicated nurse at Franklin Square Hospital in White Marsh, Maryland. During this time, like the postman, Dorothy reported to work in rain, snow, sleet, and hail. During severe weather, the hospital would send a 4-wheel drive vehicle to her door, but, at other times, Dorothy was so determined to report to work that she risked driving her own vehicle to her job.

Dorothy's strong work ethic and years of dedicated service did not go unnoticed by Franklin Square Hospital management. In 1981, she was honored at a luncheon for 25-year employees. In May 1991, she was one of three individuals to receive a 35-Year Service Award, which was presented to her by then Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

Dorothy was an active member of the New Elizabeth Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, where she sang in the senior choir, sewed choir robes, and served as treasurer for the Church choir. She remained a faithful servant of her longtime church home until she could no longer physically do so.

Dorothy cared deeply about family—not just her immediate biological family. Extended family also had a special place in her heart. She often welcomed sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews into her home, fed them, watched over them, and provided them with financial support and advice when needed. She also enjoyed her roles as “big sister” and “mother hen” to the many stepsisters and stepbrothers she gained when her mother Luvenia Garrett later married Tom Everett. Also dear to Dorothy was her longtime companion, the late Wilbert Cornell Gilliam, with whom she spent countless hours either listening to or attending games played by their favorite team: the Baltimore Orioles.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories her two sons and daughters-in-law, Lorenzo L. Garrett (Charlماغne), Alvin D. Reese (Karen); her much-adored grandson, Kameron A Reese; brother-in-law, John J. Smith; sister-in-law, Beulah Garrett and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Her siblings William H. Garrett, John L. Garrett, George W. Garrett, Moses Garrett Jr., Mary M, Hasting, and Lorine Smith have all preceded her in death.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **9**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

SEP **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



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March Funeral Homes - September 07, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Dorothy Mae Reese*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.*

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