

1924


2021

*The Gates
of Heaven
Have Opened
For*



*Dorothy
Mae Curtis*

WELL DONE
THY GOOD AND
FAITHFUL SERVANT



If I could relive yesterday,
just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you
and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized
that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories would
take the place of me.

When I thought of worldly things
I might miss come tomorrow
I thought of you and when I did my heart was
filled with sorrow.

When I walked through heavens gates
I felt so much at home.
God looked down and smiled at me from his great
golden throne

He said, "This is eternity and
all I've promised you"

Today your life on earth has passed
but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,
but today will always last
And since each day is the same there's
no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful
so trusting and so true.

Though there were times you did
some things you knew you shouldn't do.

You have been forgiven
and now at last you're free.

So won't you come and take my hand and share
my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me don't think
we're far apart,

For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me...

If tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise you find your eyes all
filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me
please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name
and took me by the hand.

He said my place was ready,
in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
all those I dearly love.

But as I turned and walked away
a tear fell from my eye.
For all my life I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,
so much left yet to do.

It seemed almost impossible
that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays
the good ones and the bad.

I thought of all the love we shared,
and all the fun we had.

A Celebration of Life
- IN LOVING MEMORY OF -

- *Our Gift* -
November 22, 1924

- *God's Gift* -
June 7, 2021



OUR BELOVED MATRIARCH

Dorothy Mae Curtis

"MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME..."



Madea's Loving Journey

Dorothy Mae Curtis was born to the union of Willard and Lillie Johnson in Thompsons, Fort Bend County, Texas. This awesomely blessed bundle of joy was instinctively presented to the world on November 22, 1924. She was the only child to this union. She lived a precise and articulate 96 impressive years before respectfully accepting her angel wings Monday, June the 7th, 2021.

Affectionately known to close family as "Dorothy Mae" spent much of her early childhood in the city of Galveston, Texas with her aunt Josie Calhoun until the death of her maternal grandfather Sherman McCall. She returned to Thompsons to assist in the care of her maternal grandmother Andora Spells McCall until her high school years where she then enrolled into a private boarding school, Powell Point (Kendleton, Texas). Immediately completing high school, she desired to become a nurse she entered Prairie View College only to be encouraged by her professor to follow the path of education. She earned her BA Degree in Sociology as a proud alumnus of Prairie View College. Without hesitation, she furthered her education by attending Texas Southern University to earn a MA in Education. As she would declare to be a proud alumnus of TSU by often giving back to support the ongoing of her alma mater. Her education was not in vain, she dedicated 38 years to education: 2 years - Simonton, Texas (Lamar Consolidated ISD), 10 years - Needville, Texas (Needville ISD), and 26 years - Harris County (Houston ISD) (12 years at Douglas Elementary, 4 years at Maud Gordon, Bellaire, Texas, and 10 years at Fairchild Elementary).

Just as dedicated to her work ethics she was also faithful in the work of the Almighty God. Her Christian walk began at an early age being baptized at St. John Baptist Church in Galveston, Texas. After returning to Thompsons she often attended Mt. Pilgrim MBC. Later uniting with St. John Baptist on Gray in Houston. She moved her membership to Loyal MBC for several years, she eventually moved with the formation of Abiding MBC with Pastor B. T. Taylor. Where she was a devoted member until God called her home. It must be added she loved her pastor and church family.

After distinguishing her accolades and dedication to Christ, she was enormously known as a daughter, a wife, a mother, and grand to five generations of offspring as a Queen in her own right. She was a devoted loving daughter to her parents until they each received their wings. And noted she became that honorary nurse to her parents, she made her home their nursing home. A loving wife to Orlando Williams until he received his call from God. To that union 1 child was born, Brenda Joyce Williams. However, she acquired two bonus children Orlando Bernard and Jacqueline. As a widowed woman she later married Willie Jacob Curtis II and to that union two sons were born, Willie Jacob III and Willard Folanto Curtis. She remained a devoted wife until God called her husband to his new home.

As she was an only child and gave birth to three beautiful children her roots continue to expand far beyond the base of this beautiful oak tree: ten grandchildren with children (Elaine (3), Angel (2), Jewel (1), LaShanta (3), LaKisha (2), Christiana (1), LaNika (3), Janeland (3), Willard Jr., and Lacey; eighteen great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her offspring, she found a special affection in family and friends. Special cousins, she often told fond stories of, Bertha, Oree, Lil Sister, Alice, Sam, Mary Alice, Theodore, and Clarence. And a few friends that the family would think of as auntie, Honoreen Harris, Geneva Hunter, Martha Payne, Dorothy Holloway and Dorothy Drake.

As God allowed her to share many memories there were those that she cherished proceeded her in death: parents, Willard Johnson and Lillie Newton; daughter, Brenda "Joyce" Williams; husbands, Orlando Williams and Willie Jacob Curtis II; half-brother, Jimmy Johnson.



The Order of Service

Saturday, the 12th day of June, 2021
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Abiding Missionary Baptist Church
14145 Bridgeport Rd. • Houston, Texas 77047
Pastor Jonathan Taylor, Officiating

Prelude.....(Soft Music)

Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

Musical Selection

Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament.....Appointee

The New Testament.....Appointee

Prayer of Comfort.....Appointee

Poem by Great Grandson.....Davonte' Marshall, Author

Reading of the Obituary.....(Read Silently)

Words of Expressions.....(Two Minutes Please)

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Jonathan Taylor

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional.....Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

FORGET ME NOT

*"It is sweet to be remembered when you're feeling sad and blue,
It sets the pulse a throbbing and it cheers the heart up too;
It makes the world worth living to be remembered just by you."*





Active Pallbearers

Davonte' Marshall
Cristopher Robinson
Roy Dean Harris Jr.

Michael McQuirren
Mark Vaughn
Craig Vaughn

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Jacob Curtis III
Willard Folanto Curtis Sr.
Willard Folanto Curtis Jr.

John Earl Norwood
Robert Earl Norwood
Samuel Norwood

Our Heartfelt Gratitude...

We extend heartfelt appreciation to everyone who lifted us up in prayer and support during this time of bereavement. Thank you for your prayers that sustained our faith, your words that encouraged our hearts, and your visits that helped us feel God's arms embracing us. Your thoughtfulness has left an indelible mark upon our hearts. Please continue to pray for us, and may God bless and keep you.

- The Family

And She Shall Rest at

Thompson Cemetery

Thompsons, Texas

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