## Pallbearers

Malcolm Cooperwood
Natron Staten
Eric Meyers
Sir Haze Dean
Fletcher Dean
Jerry Boss Jr.

## Acknowledgement

The family of Dorothy Gilmore gratefully acknowledges, with sincere thanks and appreciation, the many acts of kindness, love, support, and prayers shown to us during this time of bereavement in the loss of our beloved mother.
Your presence, comforting words, and expressions of care have meant more than we can fully express.
May God bless and keep each of you.

## Final Arrangements Entrusted To

Toombs by Crystal Funeral Services
4257 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

## Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
2536 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

## Repass

Pentecostals of Kentwood
2627 44th ST SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
*Immediately Following Interment*

# In Loving Memory

*Sunrise*
July 17, 1938

*Sunset*
February 10, 2026



# Dorothy Lee Gilmore

Saturday February 21, 2026
*Visitation* 10: 00 AM *Service* 11:00 AM
Pentecostals of Kentwood
2627 44th ST SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

# Obituary

**Dorothy Lee Gilmore** was born on July 17, 1938, in Centerville, Mississippi, to the late James and Martha Gilmore. She was the third oldest of fourteen children. At an early age, Dorothy accepted Christ and attended Holly Grove Baptist Church in Centerville, Mississippi.

Dorothy attended Finch Elementary School in Centerville, Mississippi, and later graduated from Wilkinson County Training School in Woodville, Mississippi. She eventually moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to be with her older sister, Shirley Gilmore.

Dorothy was married twice, and from those unions she was blessed with five children: Vincent Cooperwood, Cherry Cooperwood, Stacey Cooperwood, Marsha Cummings, and Shawn Cummings.

Dorothy enjoyed people, laughter, praying, and blessing others. She was a woman of many talents and hobbies, which included cooking, baking sweet potato pies, sewing heart pillows and clothing, planting beautiful outdoor flower arrangements, and singing gospel songs. She loved on every child she came in contact with. Dorothy also served as a foster parent alongside her daughter Cherry through Hope Network for many years.

On February 10, 2026, Dorothy went home to be with the Lord.
She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, James and Martha Gilmore; her daughter, Cherry Cooperwood; her sisters, Shirley Gilmore, Sadie Meyers, Edna Meyers, and Mary Helen Craney; and her brothers, George Gilmore, Sherman Gilmore, James Gilmore, and Lloyd Gilmore.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her loving memories her sons, Vincent Cooperwood and Shawn Cummings; her daughters, Stacey Cooperwood and Marsha Cummings; her brothers, Roy Gilmore and Lynn Gilmore; her sisters, Minnie (Cornelius) Erby of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Francine (Don) Kaltenbaugh of Enterprise, Alabama, and Faye (Jerry) Boss of Grand Rapids, Michigan; one aunt, Mary Gilmore of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews,

A very special friend, Pearl Holton, and a group of women lovingly known as "The Church Ladies": Sis. JoJo Barnes, Sis. Ingrid Pierce, Sis. Bobbie Griffin, Porche Pierce, Linda Cooperwood, and Sis. Pearl Holton.













## *Order of Service*

***Presiding***
Pastor Jay Jones
***Processional Scripture***
Pastor Jay Jones
Psalms 23
***Prayer***
Pastor Jay Jones
***Solo***
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
***Tribute***
Daughter, Marsha Cummings
***Solo***
"Heaven"
***Special Song***
"She Left In Peace"
Written by the Family
Created by Special Friend, Sheila Hendrix
***Special Friends***
"The Church Ladies"
Sis. JoJo Barnes
Sis. Ingrid Pierce
***Acknowledgements and Obituary***
***Remarks***
*Friends and Family*
***Eulogy***
Pastor Jay Jones
***Mama's Favorite Scripture***
***John 3:16***





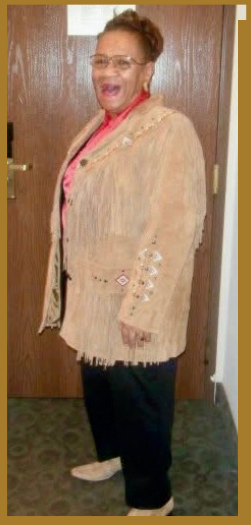

















# Our Mama

Ash was there when you took that breath,
A quiet pause between life and death.
She called us in, we gathered near,
And you let go when we were here.

Peacefully, gently, you slipped away,
As if you waited for that day.
Your final breath, so soft, so light,
Carried you home in heaven's sight.

Mama, you were a blessing true,
With arms wide open for all you knew.
No child passed without your hug,
Your love wrapped tight, warm and snug.

Your house was always filled with plenty,
If you cooked for ten, you fed twenty.
"Go on in there and get you some,"
That's how you showed your love to everyone.

You taught us kindness, how to give,
To share what we have, and how to live.
"Be careful how you treat folks," you'd say,
"You can be up and down the same day."

Each night we'd end with love so clear,
"Good night, Mama," year after year.
Now we see you at heaven's door,
Asking for one more hug once more.

We miss you deeply, this is true,
But heaven feels more like home with you.
Forever in our hearts you'll stay,
Our Mama, our love, always.

Your Loving Children

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.*
*John 3:16*

## Mom's Favorite Verses

*Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.*
*Proverbs 3: 5,6*

## Mom Loved Her Flowers



