

HONORING THE LIFE OF



Dorothy Mae Hoggard

October 25, 1938 – March 10, 2026

Service of Celebration

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

VIEWING: 10:00 AM • SERVICE: 11:00 AM

LIFE BUILDERS CHURCH OF GOD

6608 Wilkins Place • District Heights, MD 20747

*Officiating: Rev. Jennifer Porter Cox, Pastor
The Shepherd's House Church of God*



Obituary

DOROTHY MAE HOGGARD

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day...”

—2 Timothy 4:7-8

Early Tuesday morning, March 10, 2026, our beloved **Dorothy Mae Hoggard**, affectionately known as “Dot” transitioned from this life and was escorted to her eternal reward with her precious Lord.

Dorothy was the second of nine children born to the late William C. Hoggard and Ruth Edwards Hoggard. She was preceded in death by four of her siblings, Lewis, Gladys, Charlie, and Eddie.

Dorothy was the disciplinarian who always kept her younger siblings in line. She attended Calvin S. Brown High School and was gifted with a beautiful voice, which she used to sing in both her high school chorus and the senior choir at Jordon Grove Baptist Church.

Shortly after Dorothy graduated high school she moved to Newark, New Jersey where she began her career with General Electric Corporation, faithfully serving for more than 20 years.

Dorothy loved the Lord and was a tremendous blessing to her family and friends. She had a keen sense of style, enjoyed life, and loved to travel.

Dot has left an indelible mark on all who knew her. While we are sorrowful at her passing, the cherished memories we hold will keep her close to our hearts as we celebrate her life.

Dorothy leaves her sister Mary; her brothers Melvin, Jasper, and Elgin; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; and many close friends to cherish her memory.

“Fold up the tent! Above the mountain’s crest.

I hear a clear voice calling, calling clear –

“To rest! To rest!”

And I am glad to go, for the sweet oil is low, and rest is best!”

—John Oxenham, from Nightfall

Order of Service

MODERATOR – Dr. Edie Moxley

MUSICAL PRELUDE – Organist Elder Alan Mason

PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY

OPENING SENTENCES – Moderator

OPENING PRAYER – Minister Claudine Richards

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 121 – Tranika Simpson (*Grand Niece*)

New Testament: St. John 14:1-3 & 1 Cor. 15:51-58 – McKenzie Williams (*Grand Niece*)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – “How Great Thou Art”

FAMILY TRIBUTES

Minister Mary Walker (*Sister*)

Minister Helen Lewis (*Family Friend*)

Minister Mary Marshal (*Family Friend*)

Elder Myra Lewter (*Family Friend*)

OPEN TRIBUTES (*2 minutes*)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS – Minister Marveen Marsden

READING OF THE OBITUARY – Mr. Elgin Hoggard (*Brother*)

MUSICAL SELECTION – “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

EULOGY

Rev. Jennifer Porter Cox, Pastor

Shepherd’s House COG

PRAYER OF COMFORT

RECESSIONAL

Hymns

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

By: Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou Art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and
Hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art

“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

By: Joseph M. Scriven. 1819-1866

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

REMEMBERING "Dot"

HER FAITHFUL WALK, GENTLE STRENGTH, AND RADIANT SPIRIT REFLECTED
GOD'S LOVE IN EVERY SEASON.







A black and white portrait of a woman, Dorothy, with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top and a large, light-colored floral corsage on her shoulder. The background is a soft, out-of-focus floral pattern.

Pallbearers

Rosevelt Evans Edward Simms
Lemuel Hine Travis Walker
Elgin Hoggard Gerald Williams

Acknowledgments

The Hoggard and Walker families extend their heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, love, and support shown during this time of loss. Your kind gestures—through phone calls, cards, gifts, and especially your presence today—have brought comfort and strength to our hearts.

We offer special thanks to Bishop Rick Felton and the Life Builders Church of God for their gracious hospitality and unwavering support. Your kindness has truly been a blessing.

We are also deeply grateful to the Shepherd's House Church of God family for your continued love and encouragement throughout this difficult season.

May God richly bless each and every one of you. Your compassion will never be forgotten, and we pray that the peace and blessings of God be with you now and always.

Service and Arrangements Entrusted to/Interment

Cedar Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery
4111 Pennsylvania Avenue
Silver Hill, MD 20746
(267) 996-9794

Visitation

Family and friends are invited to further honor Sis. Dorothy's life by sharing in a time of brief visitation and light refreshments at—

The Walker Residence
3138 Hartleaf Lane
Waldorf, MD 20603

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