

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Floral Bearers
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She Wore Red
By Bonita Belton

She wore red upon her heart,
a simple sign for all to see,
Jesus loves you, bold and bright. He
is coming soon, she'd say gently.
She did not whisper faith in corners,
nor hide her hope away;
she carried heaven in her
smile and gave it out each day.
An assistant pastor by calling,
a shepherd soft and strong,
standing firm upon God's
promise, teaching right from wrong.
A wife who walked in faithful love,
hand in hand through years;
a mother whose prayers
covered her children,
washing away their fears.
A grandma with warm and tender arms,
stories sweet as grace;
an auntie whose laughter
filled a room and lit up every face.
She loved people the way Jesus did,
without a count or measure,
giving freely what she
had, time or prayer or treasure.
If someone needed, she was there,
with open hands and heart;
she gave because that's who
she was, that was her sacred part.
Now heaven holds her gentle soul,
yet her red sign still shines;
in every life her love has
touched, her faithful light still binds.
For though she's gone from earthly sight,
her message still rings true: Jesus loves you,
He is a near, and He is coming soon for you.



A SERVICE OF *Praise* AND *Thanksgiving*
FOR THE LIFE OF



Dorothy Mae
EARVIN-HALBACK

JANUARY 3, 1952 - FEBRUARY 8, 2026
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
1:00 PM

JP HOLLEY FUNERAL HOME NORTHEAST CHAPEL
9010 FARROW ROAD, COLUMBIA, SC 29203
HIGH PRIEST DR. ELLA MAE HILL, OFFICIATING

Expression of Gratitude

The family of the late Dorothy Mae Earvin-Halback acknowledges with deep appreciation your expressions of kindness extended during their time of bereavement. Each act bears a special significance and shall long be remembered.



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CELEBRATING *The Life & Legacy*

Holy High Priest Assistant Pastor Dr. Dorothy Mae Belton Earvin-Halback entered eternal rest on February 8, 2026, at the age of 74. She was born January 3, 1952, in Hopkins, South Carolina, to the late Deacon David Sr. and Mary Tucker Belton. Affectionately known as 'Dot', 'Dottie', 'Dork', and 'Dot Mae,' she was the kind of woman people never forgot. Her smile was steady, her spirit was bright, and her faith showed in the way she treated everyone she met. Dot never let a hard day show on her face. She chose joy on purpose and carried herself with grace, humor, and strength. When she entered a room, the atmosphere lifted. When she spoke, people listened. When she prayed, people felt it. She never met a stranger and never believed in ranking people; everyone mattered. From the pulpit to the liquor store, she shared encouragement, truth, and love. She could stand and talk with anyone, anywhere, and be respected because her presence was genuine and her faith unwavering. Even those who did not attend church regularly valued her words and sought her counsel. Her life's calling was to point people to God, to remind them to trust His timing, to stand on His promises, and to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. She didn't just talk about faith; she lived it every day.

Dot graduated from Hopkins High School in Hopkins, South Carolina. She furthered her biblical and theological studies at The International Overcoming College of Religion and James Dussault University. She faithfully served as an Assistant Pastor at Apostle By Faith, where she taught, prayed, counseled, and uplifted many lives. She led with both conviction and compassion and was recognized for speaking the truth with love and clarity. She often reminded others that, no matter what they faced, God was at work, and His timing was always right. That belief showed in her own life when God aligned her path with the love she deserved, Joe Allen Halback. Their marriage on June 3, 2025, stood as a testimony to her trust in God's plan, patience, and promise.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Deacon David Sr. and Mary Tucker Belton; her brother, Nathaniel Belton; and her sisters, Jessie Mae Belton Stewart and Linda Ruth Jones.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy her loving husband, Joe Allen Halback; her son, Tony Belton of Hopkins, South Carolina; her daughter, Bonita Belton (Jarrod) Farmer of Newport News, Virginia; and her grandchildren, Tyler Belton, Tanner Belton, and Jadon Farmer, who brought her great pride and joy. She is also survived by her brothers, David (Ora Lee) Belton Jr. of South Carolina and James Leroy (Doris) Belton of Virginia Beach, Virginia; her sister, Holy High Priest Arch Bishop Ella (Wilbert) Hill Jr. of Hopkins, South Carolina; her great-uncle and aunt, John and Dorothy Brown Jr.; her brothers-in-law, Henry Halback of Hinesville, Georgia, and Dan (Elaine) Halback of Lithonia, Georgia; along with a host of extended family, church family, and friends.

Dorothy Mae "Dot" Halback will be remembered as joyful, steady, prayerful, and full of light, a woman who reflected God's love wherever she went and made people feel valued, encouraged, and seen. Her witness, warmth, and words will continue to live on in the hearts of everyone who knew her.

Order of Service

Prelude
"Going Up Yonder"
"Take Me To The King"
"I Fly Away."

Processional

Hymn of Praise
Sounds of Harmony
"I'll be alright after While"

Old Testament
Psalm 116:15
Pastor Keisha Dixon Watson

New Testament
Philippians 1:21-23
Elder Essie Martin

Solo
"If I Could Only Imagine"
Pastor Patricia Rembert

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Lashonda Weston

Selection
Sounds of Harmony
"Lord I Love You"

Reflections
Friend of Dorothy Minster Thelma Johnson
Dorothy Cousin Ida L. Dixon
Sister in Christ Minster Sonya A Sims

Open Remarks

Acknowledgements
Hopkins High School Class of "71" (Hopkins, SC)

Solo
"For Your Glory"
Pastor Patricia Rembert

Words of Comfort
High Priest Dr. Ella Mae Hill

Recessional

Interment
Gates of Heaven Cemetery
1178 Heyward Brockington Road, Columbia, SC 29203

Benediction
High Priest Dr. Ella Mae Hill

