

# *Dorothy* GIBSON WASHINGTON AUGUST 11, 1930 - MAY 5, 2026

*Life Celebration*

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

11:00 a.m.

WHEELER AVENUE

BAPTIST CHURCH

3826 Wheeler Avenue | Houston, Texas

DR. MARCUS D. COSBY

*Senior Pastor*

DR. ALEXANDER E.M. JOHNSON

*Executive Pastor*





# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# Dorothy Gibson Washington

**DOROTHY GIBSON WASHINGTON** was born in Annona, Texas, to the late Arthur and Odessa Bartee Gibson. From her earliest days, she was nurtured in the values of faith, perseverance, compassion, and the importance of education—qualities that would beautifully shape the woman she became. Dorothy's life became a living testimony of grace, wisdom, and quiet strength, and through her loving spirit she touched countless lives along the way.

Dorothy pursued higher education at Prairie View A&M University, where her love for learning and passion for helping others continued to flourish. She later united in marriage with the love of her life, Edwin E. Washington, Sr., and together they built a family rooted in love, faith, devotion, and enduring commitment to one another.

Mrs. Washington faithfully served for more than forty years as an educator with the Aldine Independent School District. Teaching was more than a profession to her—it was a calling. With patience, excellence, and genuine care, she poured into the lives of generations of students, encouraging them not only academically, but personally as well. She possessed a nurturing spirit that made every student feel seen, valued, and capable. Through her years of dedicated service, she left an enduring imprint upon her school community and all who had the privilege of learning from her.

Outside of her professional life, Dorothy found joy in the simple yet meaningful blessings of life. She loved reading novels and treasured the fellowship, laughter, and cherished memories shared with her beloved card-playing ladies. Whether through conversation, encouragement, or her warm smile, Dorothy had a remarkable way of making others feel welcomed and loved. She united with Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in December 2004 under the leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Marcus Cosby, where she was part the Seasoned Saints Ministry and was a prior Women's Guild honoree.

Above all else, Dorothy will be remembered for the love she so freely gave. Her gentle spirit, unwavering kindness, and steadfast devotion to family and friends created a legacy that will continue for generations to come. She carried herself with grace and dignity, and her presence brought comfort, wisdom, and joy to so many.

She leaves to cherish and honor her precious memory her devoted daughter, Marcia Davis-Dean (Addison) of Missouri City; her beloved son, Edwin Washington Jr. of Houston; two cherished grandchildren, Darrin Washington and Nichole Washington; one treasured great-grandson, Kyrie Washington-Shorter; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were richly blessed by knowing and loving her.

Though Dorothy has departed from this earthly life, her love, faith, and beautiful legacy will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was a gift, her memory a treasure, and her influence an enduring blessing.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Dorothy G. Washington*  
ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Janella Y. Pyles, *Officiant*

**PROCESSIONAL**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**.....Wheeler Avenue Music Ministry

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**.....Minister Mark Gibson  
Old Testament (*Psalm 63:1-8*)  
New Testament (*John 11:21-27*)

**PRAYER OF CONSOLATION**.....Dr. Jacques D. Denkins

**MUSIC OF CONSOLATION**.....Wheeler Avenue Music Ministry

**RESOLUTIONS**.....Rev. Ranyne H. Johnson

**REFLECTIONS** (*please limit to three minutes*)

Eli Gordon | Neighbor  
Lisa Latson | Niece

**MUSIC OF COMFORT**.....Wheeler Avenue Music Ministry

**MESSAGE OF COMFORT**.....Rev. Gary Blackmon  
Pastor, Crossway Christian Fellowship

**RECESSIONAL**

*Her children rise up and call her blessed...*

Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.  
**PROVERBS 31:28A, 29**

# Loving Tributes

## To My Mom...

There are no words that can truly express the love, gratitude, and pain in my heart as I say goodbye to you. You were more than my mother — you were my protector, my teacher, my biggest supporter, and one of the greatest blessings in my life.

*Love,* EDWIN

## Dot...

I already miss hearing your voice and seeing your smile, but I know heaven gained the most beautiful angel. Rest peacefully, Grandma. Until we meet again, I will continue to make you proud and hold you close in my heart.

*Love you,* DARRIN

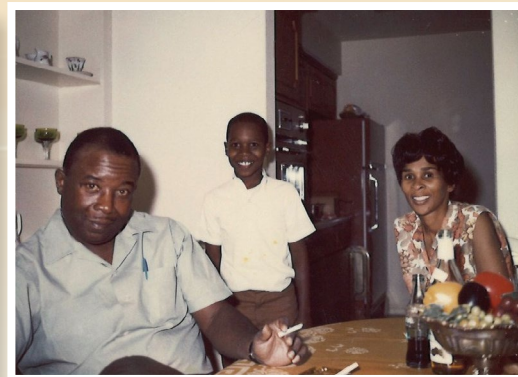
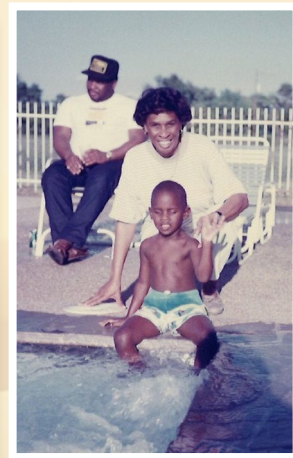
## Hey Dot...

Thank you for every hug, every prayer, every lesson, and every moment you shared with me. Thank you for loving me unconditionally and for showing me what strength, kindness, and grace truly look like. The memories we made together will stay in my heart forever.

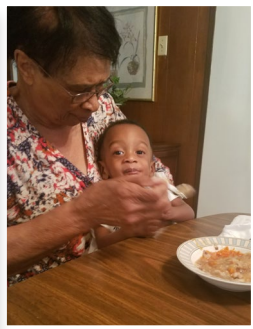
*Love,* NICHOLE



# Loving Memories



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## *Active Pallbearers*

Quincy A. Duncan  
Quinn J. Duncan  
Bobby Garcia  
Roderick J. Smith II  
Reggie Woods  
Ray Williams

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Melvin Freeman  
Eddie Zachary  
Quince Gurley, Jr.

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

The Washington family would like to acknowledge the words of comfort, cards, flowers, texts, phone calls, and other expressions of love and concern. We thank you for taking the time to share with us today and we pause during this time of sorrow to say, "Thank you." May God bless each of you!

## *Final arrangements entrusted to*

**TROY B. SMITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
9013 Scott Street | Houston, Texas

## *Interment*

**HOUSTON MEMORIAL GARDENS**  
2426 Cullen Boulevard | Pearland, Texas

## *Repast*

**WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Christian Education Complex | Room 205/206/207

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