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The family of Dorothy extends our most sincere heartfelt gratitude to all who have wrapped us in love and comfort during this incredibly difficult time. Words cannot fully capture how much your support has meant to us as we grieve the extraordinary loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Dorothy.

Your prayers, kind words, and thoughtful gestures have been a light in our darkest hours, reminding us of the profound love and community Dorothy cultivated throughout her life. Whether you offered a hug, a shared memory, a prayer, a listening ear, or simply your presence, please know your kindness is not lost on us, and has touched our hearts deeply.

To those who sent flowers, prepared meals, called to check on us, or held us in your thoughts, we are truly humbled by your generosity. Each act of kindness has been a testament to the love Dorothy inspired by those who knew her.

As we navigate this exceptionally painful loss, we are comforted by the incredible outpouring of support and the shared stories of how Dorothy brought light and joy into so many lives. She will forever be remembered not only in our hearts and soul, but in the hearts of everyone she touched.

Thank you for walking alongside us, for honoring her memory, and for reminding us that we are not alone. Your love and support mean more than words can express.

With all our gratitude,
The Family of Dorothy Berry



Celebrating The Life Of

Dorothy M. Berry

June 12, 1943 † January 15, 2025

*WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT... ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF
THY LORD" NOW ECHOES IN HEAVEN AS SHE STEPS INTO HER ETERNAL REWARD
(MATTHEW 25:21)*



BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

38 WALK HILL STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN, MASSACHUSETTS

February 3, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM



Life Reflections

Dorothy Mae Berry, a radiant light and soul in this world, ascended to her heavenly home on January 15th, 2025, in Georgia, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and unyielding grace. Born on June 12, 1943, in Mulga, Alabama, to the late Hattie Mae Reed and Jessie Johnson, Dorothy embodied strength and compassion from the very beginning. Her life's journey was a masterpiece of devotion to God, family, and community—a living testament to what it means to serve, inspire, and persevere.

Dorothy graduated from Westfield High School in Mulga, Alabama, in 1961, marking the first of many milestones that would shape her extraordinary story. On February 2, 1962, she married the love of her life, Walter Berry, and together they built a foundation of love and faith that would ripple through generations. Her family grew with the birth of her first son, Walter T. Berry, before she and Walter made their way to Boston, Massachusetts. There, she welcomed Pamela L. Berry, Michael T. Berry, and Sharon A. Berry. Though her son Michael preceded her in death, Dorothy carried his memory in her heart, finding strength in her unwavering faith.

Dorothy's career reflected her boundless compassion and deep sense of purpose. She began as a caregiver to children with disabilities, ensuring they not only reached their destinations but felt seen and loved. Her journey continued as a professional bus driver for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), where she served her community with grace and diligence for 23 years. Every interaction was an opportunity for Dorothy to uplift and connect, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary.

It was in her late 30s, however, that Dorothy's life truly became a vessel of divine purpose. She dedicated herself wholly to Christ, becoming a founding member of New Covenant Christian Center in Boston. Her faith grew deep roots, and she answered the call to serve as a deacon, guiding others with wisdom and humility. In the early 1990s, she stepped fully into her calling as an ordained minister, touching hundreds of lives with her words, her prayers, and her ability to see the potential in every soul she encountered. Dorothy's ministry was her heartbeat—a fierce, tender expression of God's love that reminded everyone they were never alone.

Dorothy's life was a symphony of grace and strength. She balanced the joy of her faith with the quiet courage of her advocacy. A protector of the vulnerable and a champion for the voiceless, she taught by example that love is the most powerful force on earth. She lived by the belief that "there's always room for one more," a lesson instilled in her from her humble beginnings in the Deep South during a tumultuous time. Having been raised in an era of struggle and perseverance, she carried forward the principle that no one should ever feel unwelcome or alone. Whether through a warm meal, an open door, or a compassionate heart, Dorothy embodied this spirit of boundless generosity, ensuring that everyone she encountered knew they had a place to belong.

During the early 2000s, she moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, where she cherished the warmth of southern winters while continuing to make Boston her summer and holiday haven. She also continued to honor her Christian faith at the Liberty Temple Christian Center beginning April 2006. No matter where she was, Dorothy carried home in her heart and left traces of heaven wherever she walked.

Dorothy often shared words of wisdom that have now become her family's mantra: "Keep going and just keep living." This simple yet profound quote was the essence of her spirit, encouraging others to find hope in every challenge and strength in every storm.

Dorothy's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her loving children: Walter Berry, Pamela Berry, and Sharon Berry. Her legacy lives on through her treasured granddaughters: Adrienne Berry-Mathé, Brittney Berry, Camisha Berry, Michelle Berry, and Jayda Berry; and her great-grandchildren: Kaileigh Haynes, Mya Mathé, Raiden Lamones, Raven Cannady, and an eagerly awaited baby girl Mathé. She also leaves behind her devoted sisters, Pastor Mandie Cubit and Betty Johnson Long, and a host of adoring nieces, nephews, and friends who were drawn to the light she radiated. Dorothy is predeceased by her loving husband Walter and son Michael Berry.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL		
SCRIPTURE	<i>Old Testament</i>	Pastor Cederick Johnson
MUSIC SELECTION		Ms. Bradford
SCRIPTURE	<i>New Testament</i>	Pastor Cooper
PRAYER		Ms. Linda Christie
MUSIC SELECTION		Ms. Bradford
REFLECTIONS		Ms. Linda Christie Ms. Shelia Gray Dr. Alice Coombs
EULOGY		Rev. Mandy Cubit
MUSIC SELECTION		Ms. Bradford Ms. Katani Sumner
RECESSIONAL		

Pallbearers

Pastor Cederick Johnson	Mr. Roderick Brown
Mr. Curtis Anderson	Mr. Jonathan Haynes
Mr. Jeffery Mathe	Mr. Jannai Ruffin

Interment

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