Psalm 23

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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Family Members

Honorary Pallbearers

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Nigel R. Word

Repast

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Acknowledgement

The Family of Dorothy Collins is indeed Grateful to each of you for your visits, phone calls, flowers, cards and many kind expressions of sympathy.

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A Celebration of the Life of

Dorothy Jean COLLINS

MARCH 4, 1945 – OCTOBER 15, 2026

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OBITUARY

With hearts filled with love and cherished memories, we celebrate the life of Dorothy Jean Collins. She PASSED ON
October 15, 2026 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 81.

Born on March 4, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee, Dorothy lived a life defined by love, family, strength, and resilience. As the proud mother of eight children, she built a legacy of perseverance, devotion, and enduring family bonds.

Dorothy Jean Collins is survived by 8 of her siblings (there are 15 total including herself) with a special thanks to her brother Eugene R. Massey (deceased). She navigated life among her siblings in Chicago until she moved away in the early 80's. Dorothy Jean Collins gave birth to 8 children who includes: Carolyn Sarten (Husband Mario), LaVerne Collins, Gwen Collins (Terry), Christine Coachman, Darlene Collins, Dinah Collins, Eugenia Collins and Eugene Collins (Deceased). She was preceded in death by her beloved son whose memory remains an enduring part of the family story.

Monique Sarten - Jackson
(Her 1st Granddaughter Monique, lovingly gave her the nickname "Bma," explaining, "My mama is the A Mama, so you are the B Mama." The name BMa reflects the warmth, guidance, and special place Dorothy holds in the hearts of her family.

Kendra Collins - Usman (the Granddaughter she raised)

In total she leaves behind 17 grandchildren,
14 great grandchildren and 1 great - great grandson along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins that are currently living in several different states. Both her Father Andrew Whitley Sr. and her Mother Juanita Massey had already passed on with her Mom living until 2017.

As the matriarch of her family, Dorothy's love extended to her children and grandchildren. She grew up in Chicago, IL as daughter number 2 of 15 total siblings. Dorothy Collins went to school and worked in Chicago. She attended classes at Kennedy King College for a while and also worked at Zenith. While studying the Bible with parishioners and her children she became passionate about the Word of God. She required her children to attend Bible Class 3 times per week (for 10 years) and to study and obey the Word of God. She devoted her life to being a Great Mother of her children and spent many years taking them several places throughout the city and state to learn and excel throughout Chicago. Regularly taking them to the Museums, Libraries, Movie Theaters, Aquarium, Parades, Parks, Amusement Parks and Beaches…throughout the years. She tragically lost her youngest child and only son to gun violence in 1988. That single event changed her life and set the tone for years of heartbreak & physical pain for her. As time went on she bestowed her love and knowledge upon her remaining children and grandchildren. For rest and relaxation she went on a cruise to the Caribbean Islands and took multiple trips traveling to Canada, New York, Florida, Georgia & many different cities and to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon a few times as she loved the lights, bells, whistles and rock scenery. She has PASSED ON her wisdom and understanding to all of her offspring. Her zest for life preserved her throughout the years and continues to shine in those of us that believe tragedy doesn't have to define you. Spending time Enjoying life while Cooking many great meals while displaying strength and dealing with physical challenges is both her Legacy and Passion. Her influence will continue through the stories shared, traditions preserved, and love passed from one generation to the next.

Gwen — Your Third Child

Momma, I am so grateful to have had the honor and privilege of living close to you throughout my life. I am especially thankful that I had the opportunity to help and care for you as you grew older.

I am also grateful that my children and grandchildren had the pleasure of knowing you on such a personal and loving level.

We shared so many beautiful moments together. We played, lived, loved, and laughed often. And, of course, we enjoyed plenty of your delicious, old-school cooking!

Momma, you did more than feed our bellies. You filled our hearts and souls with your unconditional love.

Thank you so very much for everything, Momma. We all love you dearly, and we will carry your love, your memories, and your legacy with us forever.

Forever in Our Hearts, Your Third Child, Gwen and Her Crew

Dinah — Child #6 of 8
The days get longer and filled with empty space,
The reason is simple there is no one to replace
The presence of mind and light your heart shines
It feels like a loop where logic is gone.
Leaving me grieving, with the words of this song,
Trying to find the strength to carry on.
The days turned to nights The nights into years
The time that is spent will not dry my tears
The loss of my Mother and Brother, true pain .
It feels so different but hurts all the same.
With All My Love, Dinah — #6 of 8

Tributes

Carolyn — The Oldest of Eight

I was the oldest of eight children, and my mother was just 16 years older than me. She was truly an amazing and very strong woman.

I raised three children of my own, and at times, it was difficult. So, I can only imagine what it took for my mother to raise eight children. Her strength, determination, and love were truly remarkable.

Momma, you were an amazing woman, and I will always admire your strength. I love you, Momma. Now, you can finally rest.

With All My Love, Carolyn

LaVerne — Child #2

Momma, I will miss you dearly. I will never forget our talks, our phone conversations, and how happy you were whenever I drove from Chicago or Indiana to visit you.

I am so grateful that you gave me the nickname "Peaches." That is something I will always cherish. I am child number two, just like you were, and that connection will always be special to me.

Momma, I am thankful that you can now rest and be free from all your worries and burdens. You will forever hold a special place in my heart.

With Love Always, Your Peaches — LaVerne

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Family & Friends

Scripture Reading
Mykela Marshall

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Dinah Collins

Selection
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Remarks
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Benediction
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