



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

-Anne Lindgren Davison



Pallbearers

Cornelius Prioleau Daniel Prioleau Jr. Gregory Coney

Kerry Prioleau Neil Prioleau, Jr. Timothy Prioleau

Acknowledgements

The family of Dorothy Wright Prioleau wishes to thank all who have expressed their sympathy during our time of bereavement. We pray God's blessings upon each of you and that He keeps you in His care.



Celebrating The Life of

Dorothy "Dottie" Wright Prioleau

Sunrise Sunset
November 2, 1937 ~ November 9, 2025



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025 at 11 AM
COLUMBUS AVE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
600 Columbus Ave., Boston, Massachusetts
Rev. George Woodruff, Officiating

Life Reflections

Dorothy (Dottie) Wright Prioleau, age 88, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, peacefully entered eternal rest on November 9, 2025. She was born on November 2, 1937, in Eutawville, South Carolina, the eldest child of Annie Ruth Wearing Bailey (deceased). Her grandparents, Jacob and Quennie Wright, played a special role in her upbringing.

During her teen years, Dorothy worked in her grandfather's grocery store, an important hub within the local community. She graduated from Roberts High School in 1956 and continued working at the store until embarking on the next chapter of her life.

On August 20, 1959, she married her sweetheart, Daniel Prioleau of Eutawville, South Carolina, and relocated to Boston, Massachusetts. From this union, five children were born: Cornelius, Cassandra, Lisa, Vanessa, and Daniel Jr. Her children were her world.

In 1960, she joined Columbus Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, led by Reverend J. C. Brown. Dorothy eventually became a member of the Cathedral Choir and sang with the group for many years. She valued fellowship with her church family and was known for her elegant Sunday style, always adorned in color-coordinated outfits with matching hats.

Dorothy's lifelong dedication to helping people was evident in every stage of her career, from her years at Martin Nursing Home to running her own daycare for several years before retirement.

Dorothy touched all who knew her. Her home was a haven—a place where friends and family were nourished both in body and in spirit. For as long as her health allowed, she carried on the tradition of Sunday dinners, serving delicious meals followed by homemade desserts, each prepared with love. She stayed closely connected to those she cherished most, making countless phone calls to offer encouragement, share laughter, and remind loved ones that they were always on her mind and in her heart.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel; her mother, Annie Ruth; her stepfather, Peter Bailey; siblings, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Bailey, Bernard Bailey, and Margaret Bailey; daughter-in-law, Tammi Prioleau (beloved wife of Daniel Prioleau Jr.); and brother-in-laws, Willie (Mamie Lee) Prioleau, Ruben (Henrietta) Prioleau, Abraham Prioleau, Joe Prioleau, Samuel Prioleau, and James (Bernice) Prioleau.

Dorothy's legacy includes her children: Cornelius (Sharon), Cassandra, Lisa, Vanessa, and Daniel Jr.; grandchildren: Timothy, Shamika, Sade, Kerry, Kiante, and Cornelius (Neil) Jr.; and great-grandchildren: Destiny, Trinity, Treysaun, Taelynn, Ythen, and Owen, all of Boston, Massachusetts.

Dorothy's loving siblings—William (Michon) Bailey and Archie (Sheretta) Bailey of Washington, D.C.; Shirley (Leon) Oliver and Joanne Lawton of Eutawville, SC.; sister-in-laws, Doris A. Bailey, Ida Baily, Annie Lee Prioleau, Evern Prioleau, Otta Lee Prioleau and Rosa Lee James all of Eutawville, SC., as well as a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends are left to honor her memory.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

John Gibson

Procession

Invocation

Rev. George Woodruff

Opening Hymn

*"Hold To God's
Unchanging Hand"*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament
Psalms 23

New Testament
John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. George Woodruff

Solo Selection

An'Jalique Perry

Remarks

Shirley Oliver

Sister

Acknowledgements

Kimberly White Charles
Neice

Solo Selection

An'Jalique Perry

Eulogy

Rev. Randy Coplin

Benediction

Rev. George Woodruff

Organ Postlude

*"When We All Get to
Heaven"*

John Gibson

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
355 Walk Hill St.
Roslindale, MA

Repast

Prince Hall Grand Lodge
24 Washington St.
Dorchester, MA

