

My Last Request

Please don't say I gave up. Just say I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it's God war to lose or win. Please don't go on and on about how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could not, less. Please don't give me wings or halo, that's for God to do. I want no more than what I deserve, no extras just my due. Please don't give me many flowers, or talk in harsh tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God. I've made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done Just see to all of my family needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all of your paint. Not just the bright tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on the canvas, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember all of the good times, but remember the bad ones too For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad- I have shared them with you. But if you must do something, then grant me one request. Forgive me the wrong I've done and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul is resting; thank God for all who loved me and PRAISE GOD WHO LOVED ME BEST, Author unknown

Pallbearers
Grandsons

Honorary Pallbearers
Grandsons

Flower Bearers
Granddaughters

Acknowledgements:

The family of *Dorothy Ann Hamilton* sincerely appreciates your thoughtfulness and prayers during our time of sorrow. May God bless each of you. We extend our appreciation to the staff at UH Learner Hospital and the McGregor Home.

Arrangements Entrusted To:

R. A. Prince Funeral Services

16222 Broadway Avenue

Maple Heights, OH 44137

Phone: 216-518-1777 Fax: 216-518-1975

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A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
Of
Dorothy Ann Hamilton



Thursday, January 28, 2021

Sunrise: July 26, 1937 Sunset: January 18, 2021

Family Hour 11:00 A.M Funeral Service 12:00 PM

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Elder Andrew Jackson Jr., Officiant

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Elder Andrew Jackson Jr.

Family Hour

Prayer

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 11:25

Selection

Goddaughter, Wanda Banks

Expressions of Love

Children

Reading of the Obituary

Poem: "When Great Trees Fall: By: Dr. Maya Angelou
Granddaughters

Expressions of Love

Grandchildren

Selection

Goddaughter, Wanda Banks

Words of Comfort

Prayer of Committal

Elder Andrew Jackson, Jr.

Recessional

Interment:

Cleveland Memorial Garden Cemetery

4324 Green Road

Highland Hills, OH 44122

Obituary

Dorothy Ann Hamilton (Hickman), known affectionately as Dot, Dotty G., Mom, Mommy, Granny, Granny Girl, Granny Ann, and G. G. Dot, was born on July 26, 1937 in Tupelo, MS, to Florence (Stewart) and Elbert Hickman, Sr. She was the second of seven children. She departed this life on Monday, January 18, 2021.

The family relocated to St. Louis Missouri in 1950, where she was educated in the St. Louis School District, but she had to leave school early, to obtain a job to help support her family.

It was in St. Louis, where she met and married A. Lee Hamilton, and from their union was born six children, Michael, Timothy, Deborah, Pamela, Angela and Christopher.

The family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, where she raised her children and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She instilled in her children a respect for elders, authority, hard work, determination, and independence. Times were tight but she held it down. She did the best she could with what she had, and her children had everything they needed.

Dorothy was a phenomenal woman, and her family described her as classy, loving, warm-hearted, independent, resilient, focused, strong, determined, resourceful, feisty, direct, straight up, hero, funny, and witty. She loved telling her children and grands stories about her childhood and growing up in Tupelo, MS and St. Louis, MO.

Dorothy accepted Christ at an young age. She loved the Lord and enjoyed attending Bible Study in the Community Room where she lived, and often attended church in the area.

Dorothy enjoyed socializing and shopping with her neighbor friends. Before the pandemic, she looked forward to dressing up and attending the annual Dinner Dance at the McGregor Home.

Dorothy enjoyed sending encouraging messages on Facebook, which she said she only joined to keep in touch with her family, especially her grandchildren.

On Monday, January 18, 2021, after a brief illness, Dorothy answered the call, and went home to the Lord. She was preceded in death by her father, Elbert Sr., and brother, Elbert Jr., aka Sonny and bonus daughter, Dionne.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Mother, Florence Hickman, of St. Louis, MO., sisters, Joann Mayfield (Robert) of Las Vegas, NV, Pearline Hickman, brothers, Charles Hickman, Perry Hickman and sister, Delores Harris(George) all of St. Louis, MO. Father of her six children, Reverend A Lee Hamilton (Lula Mae) of Shaker Heights, children: Michael, Timothy (Pamela R) Deborah, Pamela, Angela and Christopher (Rhonda), bonus children: Jessie, Bernard, Lamar (Kris), Tina, Joseph, and Goddaughter, Wanda. Eighteen grandchildren: Dorothy Ilyse (Vernon), Michael Jr., Shawnya, Tashima, Anthony Jermaine (Brandy), Christopher, Kenneth, Charlissa, Chalina, Angelo, Mi'Shauna, Tyrone, Christopher Jr., Terrence, Andrea, Deangelo (Toledo, Ohio), Brittney, and Isaiah; forty-one great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Close friends, Monica, Debbie, Bernice, her Pepsi Buddy John, and her neighbor friends that live in her apartment building.

Mom would always say before hanging up the phone, "stay focused" and "later", because she didn't like to say "Good bye So, Mom ,today we say we love you, we miss you , and "later" because this is not "Good bye"

Humbly submitted, The family





