

Legacy
of *Life*



Mother

**DOROTHY LEE
RILEY-PONDER**

Sunrise: April 7, 1928 Sunset: September 12, 2023

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.

New Life Experience

5708 Howard Foss Drive, Savannah, GA 31406

District Elder John P. Anderson, Sr., Eulogist

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"For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dorothy Lee Riley-Ponder was born in Savannah, Georgia on April 7, 1928, 95 years ago to Daisy Wallace-Riley and Charlie Riley. Her parents had 8 children (5 males and 3 females). She was the 2nd oldest child.

Mother Dorothy Ponder served as a loyal and faithful member of the United House of Prayer for All People in her teenage and early young adult years. One of her proud roles was serving the Late "Sweet Daddy" Grace as an altar girl. She relocated to Brooklyn, New York during her young adult age to assist her older sister in raising her children. While there, she was employed at a doll factory. Upon returning to Savannah, on December 30, 1955, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Elder Alvin Ponder for over 50 years. To this union, five children were born.

She later joined the Lighthouse Tabernacle under the leadership of the Late Bishop Ronald E. Brown. In 1974, she joined the Victory Drive Deliverance Temple, under the leadership of the late Bishop Luther C. Anderson and served faithfully for over 32 years. Mother Ponder was a member of the New Life Experience Church under the leadership of District Elder John P. Anderson, Sr. for nearly 17 years.

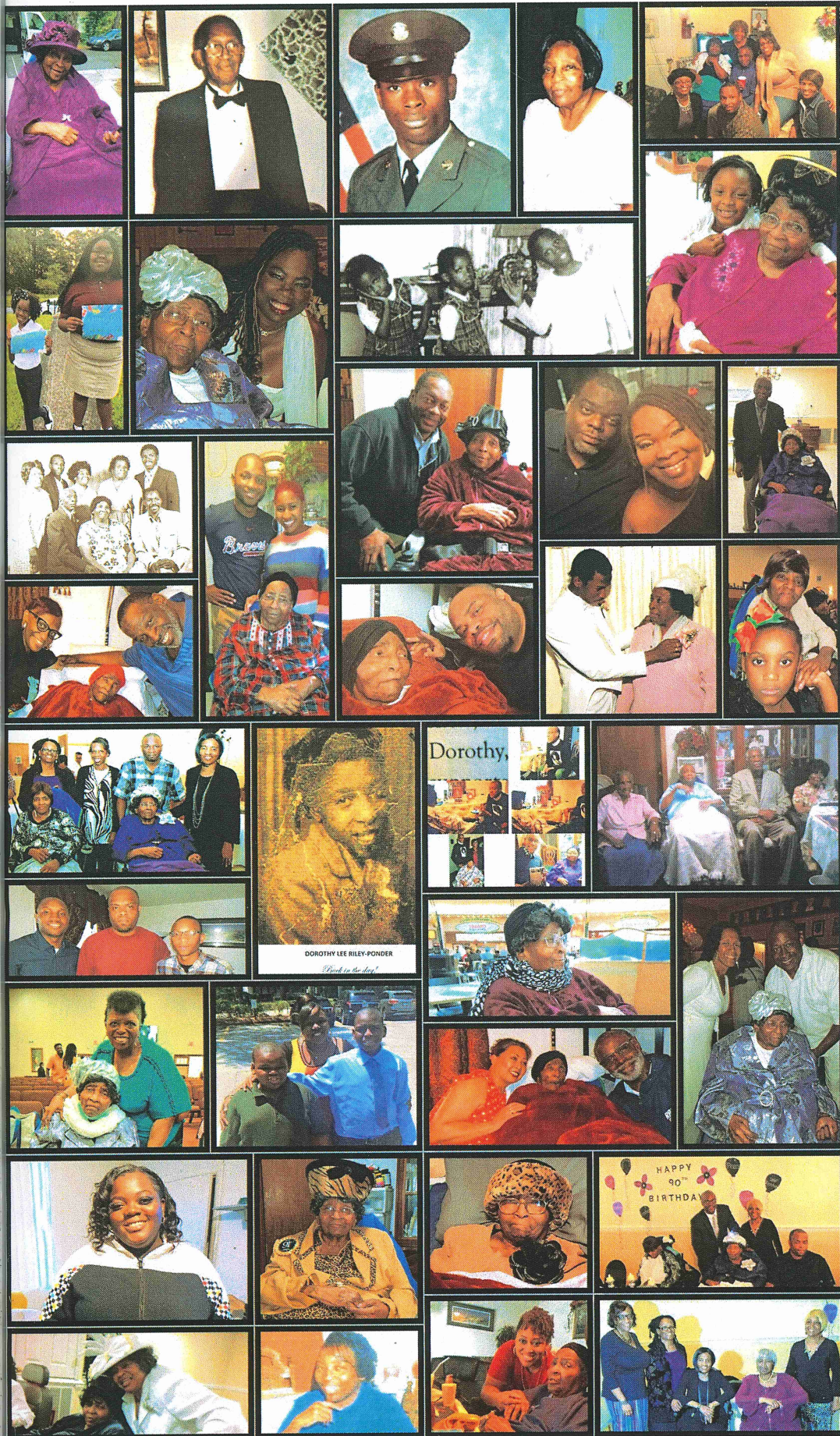
Mother Ponder was a kind, selfless person always preferring others before herself. She was the head financial manager of her home. She was very thrifty and an amazing financial steward. She was often considered a mother to all that came across her path.

Two of her favorite songs were "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" and "I don't Know About Tomorrow". She loved to praise the Lord and loved singing hymns.

On Monday, September 12th, she heard the voice of her Lord and she answered and peacefully entered eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son Alvin "Junior" Ponder; four brothers: Ralph "Duna" Riley, Ernest Riley, Harold Riley, Bobby Riley; two sisters: Charlie Mae Riley-Arvinger and Beatrice "Goldie" Riley-Mars.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters Angela Ponder-Coleman, Brenda Ponder, Pearl Ponder-Holton; one son: Michael (Denise) Ponder, Sr.; one brother: Herman (Diana) Riley, Sr.; a goddaughter: Carolyn "Ann" Bartlett; a godson: Donell Sellow; five grandchildren: Antonio (Tiffani), Pernell, Michael II (Taylor), Brandon, and Faith; five great grandchildren: Antonio Jr, Caden, Kaylynn, Madison, and MaKenzie and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and beloved church family.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Officiating: Minister Jacqueline Scott

Processional "Near the Cross" New Life Praise Team

Invocation

Scriptures:

Old Testament

Elder Jerry Spells

New Testament

Pastor Maurice Anderson

Selection

Southern Bonz Band

Reflections: (Please Limit Remarks to 2 Minutes)

As a Niece

Harriet Mars-Gray

As a Caregiver

Pamela Gaston

As a Goddaughter

Candice Russell

(On behalf of Carolyn "Ann" Bartlett)

As a Godson

Donell Sellow

As a Neighbor

Maurice Newton

Solo

"I Pray We'll All Be Ready"

Tamika Mitchell

Tribute to Our Mother

Dr. Brenda Ponder

Tribute to Our Grandmother

Michael Ponder, II

Selection

Southern Bonz Band

Obituary

"The Goodness of God"

Read Silently

Resolution & Acknowledgments

Supt. Doretha Burgest

Eulogy

District Elder John P. Anderson, Sr. Pastor

"NO FINAL VIEWING"

Recessional

New Life Praise Team



A Virtuous Woman

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Pallbearers

Maurice Newton
Antonio Coleman
Harry "Skippy" Mars

Brandon Ponder
Pernell Ponder
Brad Harley

Honorary Pallbearers

James Pinkney

Donell Sellow

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
4340 ACL Blvd.
Savannah, GA 31405

Repast

Please join the family immediately following the interment at:
New Life Experience
5708 Howard Foss Dr.
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Expressions of Thanks

The family of Mother Dorothy Ponder is eternally grateful for the love and support shown to them during this difficult time. Your comforting calls, cards, visits and other acts of kindness have given us strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour and many years to come. May God forever bless each of you.

Special thanks to Compassus Hospice and Hospice Savannah for their amazing staff and guidance throughout this journey. Special thanks to Right at Home and Help at Home Caregiving agencies for their love, support and care for our loved one. Thanks to Adams Funeral Services. Special Thanks to Charon Jones-Allen, Peter Jones (Powerpoint Designer). District Elder John Anderson, Sr. and New Life Experience Church Family.

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