

My Life Story

Dorothy G. Durham

01.20.1938 - 08.12.2023



**G. Choice Funeral Chapel, Inc.
2530 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132**

**Pastor Ricky Rivera
Mt. Sinai Tabernacle Baptist**

**08.12.2023
at 1:34
in the morning**



In Loving Memory of Dorothy Geraldine Durham

Dorothy Geraldine Durham, affectionately known as “Dot” and in her earlier years as “Vodka Dolly,” was born on January 20, 1938, to Ruby and Columbus Oliver, both of whom preceded her in death.

Dorothy's earthly journey came to a peaceful end on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 1:34 am, surrounded by her cherished loved ones. Her Goddaughter, Deloise Kirkland, her son Marcus, her granddaughter Stephanie, and her great-granddaughters Shanda and LaVanda whom stood by her side, offering comfort and love. Dorothy leaves behind a legacy of love and a family who will forever hold her in their hearts. In honoring Dorothy's memory, we remember her vibrant spirit, unyielding strength, and boundless love. May she rest in eternal peace.

Dorothy received her formal education from the Philadelphia School District.

On September 28, 1952, Dorothy became the proud mother of her only child, Stephen Marcus Durham, who preceded her in death.

As a newly proud mother, with her son by her side Dorothy's begun embracing a remarkable life of commitment and support to her loving son and dedication of hard work to others.

Dorothy was a paragon of dedication and hard work. Throughout her life, she embraced multiple vocations, finding fulfillment in factory work and part-time bartending. Known for her quick wit and adept problem-solving skills, Dorothy played a pivotal role in assisting laborers in forming unions.

Her professional journey culminated with her retirement from Edy Company.

Dorothy was well known for frankness, always speaking her mind in loving matter; those whom had the privilege to know her loved that honesty in her character.

Dorothy enjoyed many of life's simple pleasures, such cooking delicious meals for her family; this brought her such joy. She also enjoyed such activities as sewing, motorcycling riding, camping, and traveling; while traveling she drove tractor trailers with finesse. In addition, she was a lover of card games.

Dorothy loved people and she loved attending social gatherings, she loved making a grand entrance at the social gatherings often showcasing her distinctive style in outfits.

Dorothy was a doting grandmother; she found great satisfaction in accompanying her grandchildren on adventures, imparting valuable life lessons along the way.

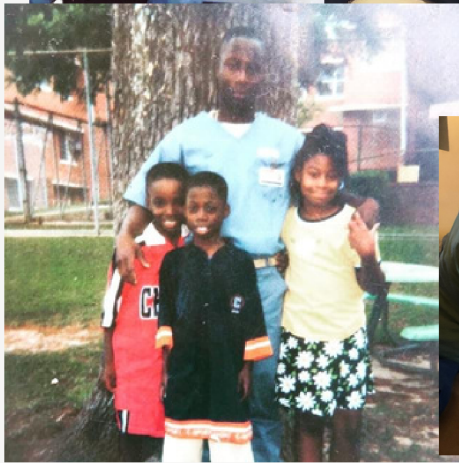
Her dedication to family was remarkable as she took on the role of raising her grandson, Marcus as a son. Dorothy also held dear to her heart a grandson Emmanuel, whom also preceded her in death.

William “Bill” Hart was the love of her life; he was known to be by her side even helping in the rearing of her grandson Marcus. Bill preceded her in death.

Deeply rooted in faith, Dorothy was a devoted Christian whose spiritual journey was nurtured within the church. Her profound love for the Lord fostered an intimate connection with God. As the saying goes, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. With this, we are assured that she has found her eternal abode in heaven.

She is survived by her son Marcus Durham (Shakira) her grandchildren Stephanie M. Wright, Stephen M. Durham Jr., Navie Durham, and Tyriqa Singleton. She is also survived by her fifteen great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren, sisters Josephine Cureton, Brenda and Ernestine Daniels, five foster sisters, her special aunt Gladys, and Uncle Bobby, nieces, nephews, daughter-in-law Mary, cousins, and friends.

A heartfelt gratitude is extended to special friends Deloise and Deborah Kirkland and Kia Dudley for their unwavering care and support.



Order of Service

Officiating.....Pastor Yvonne Gary

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort.....The Slocum Sisters

Scriptures.....Evan Jones

Old Testament: Psalms 34:1-4

New Testament: Matthew 6:9-13

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Ricky Rivera

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Solo.....Russell Gore

Acknowledgement of Condolences & Resolution.....

Darlene Nasir

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary Reading.....Yvonne Gary

Solo.....Russell Gore

Eulogy.....Pastor Ricky Rivera

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Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment - Private



Our Grandmother's Prayer

**Father I ask you to bless my children all my grandchildren, friends, and
relatives**

Show them a new revelation of your love, power, and holy spirit

I ask you to minister to their spirit and mine at this very moment

Where there is pain give them your peace and mercy

Where there is self doubt release a reward confidence

Through your grace in Jesus' precious name

Amen

DOROTHY

Devoted mother and sister;

Our Grandmother, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend

Received her wings;

On a one way ticket to heaven;

Time on Earth is up; job well done;

**Heaven void to meet our loved ones, who have been patiently awaiting
her arrival;**

Yielded to our Father to enter the pearly gates of heaven.

With Love,

Stephanie and children



A Wonderful Grandmother!

**We had a wonderful grandmother
One who never really grew old
Her smile was made of sunshine
And her heart was solid gold
Her eyes were bright as shining stars
And in her cheeks as big as mine,
See.**

**We had a wonderful grandmother,
And that's the way it will always be.
But take heed because
She's still keeping an eye on us,
So let's make sure
She will like what she sees.**

**Love,
Navie**

Acknowledgements

**A special thanks to Accent Care for being by the family's side every step
of the way as our Loved one was in Hospice
Coffee, Felder, & Kirkland Family**





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