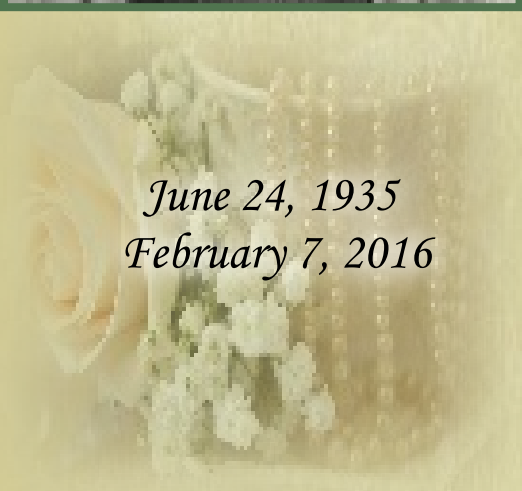




*In Loving Memory
of
Dorothy
E.
Brooks*



*June 24, 1935
February 7, 2016*



Visitation

*Saturday, February 13, 2016
3-6:00 p.m.*

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

*1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey*

*Interment
Ideal Cemetery
Bennettsville, South Carolina*

Reflections of Life

Dorothy English Brooks was born on June 24, 1935 to the late Winnie Lee Bridges and Henry Bridges in McColl, South Carolina.

Dorothy was reared in McColl, South Carolina and after many years at the “Big White House” the family later moved to Gibson, North Carolina. She attended Marlboro County Elementary School, Laurinburg Institute and Carver High School of Scotland County. She was proud to be the first May Day Queen at Carver High School. Dorothy received an associate degree in Nursing and completed a Certificate in Cosmetology.

She was a caring and nurturing woman who directed that passion through her in-home day care and nursing profession. In 1979, she went to work at Benedictine Abbey of Newark, NJ. There she was employed as an administrative assistant until her retirement in 2002.

In the late 1950's, she moved from North Carolina to Newark, New Jersey and fell in love and married the late Jay Charles Brooks on December 25, 1959.

At an early age she was converted, baptized and became a member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. There she was a member until she joined New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, NJ in 1969. While there Dorothy served on the Scholarship Committee, Hospitality Ministry and Mother's Board. Dorothy was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Star of Bethlehem, Chapter #3.

Dorothy loved children and fashion, smelling good, cooking and feeding everyone. Early lessons for her children were: “never leave the house looking any kind of way”, “don't leave dishes in the sink at night-you will never know if the police or ambulance will have to come for you”, and “make sure you have on clean under garments before going out!” It was never a surprised for her children to come home and find a house full of neighborhood or strange children eating at the kitchen table. Every child was Dorothy's child. She had a special talent for negotiating and getting her way. Dorothy knew how to get you to say yes.

For almost a year, Dorothy's health steadily declined, but through the pain she remained in good spirits demonstrating her faith in God through constant prayer. She departed this earthly life on Sunday, February 7, 2016- 5:53 a.m. at St. Barnabas Medical Center. For months she told her children that she was at peace, tired and ready to go to her heavenly home.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: loving children, Ricky Brooks of Newark, NJ; Dr. Stephanie Brooks of Philadelphia, PA; Cynthia Brooks Copeland of East Orange, NJ; Norman J. Brooks, Sharonda Brooks and Korey Howard of Newark, NJ; son-in-law Edward Copeland; daughter-in-law; Zenobia Williams; seven grandchildren; Marcia, Charles, Justin, Kimberly, Simone, Alexis and Kayla; one beautiful great grand-daughter, Ka'Mya Charlize Copeland; God Son, Curtis Dukes and special daughters and sons: Cyril Dexter Hines, Cynthia Smith Jackson, Joseph L. McClinton, Jr., Maureen C. Sullivan, and Erik J. Wiley. Brother-in Laws; James (Jimmie) Mannas, Nathan Mannas and Sister in Laws; Gladys Stevens and Susie Green. One beloved aunt, Naomi English. Dorothy was like a big sister and mother to her first cousins and affectionately referred to by others as cousin Dot. A host of numerous relatives, friends and “special children” here and far celebrate her life.

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