

Acknowledgements

The family of Ruby Ray Perry Dotson gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation your comforting expressions of concern during her illness. Your prayers, expressions of sympathy and all other acts of kindness shown during this hour of bereavement will always be remembered.

Active Pallbearers

O. T. Perry
Kenneth E. Dotson
Demetrius Hobson

Thomas C. Perry
Michael Dotson
Marvin Carroll

Honorary Pallbearers

Tamus McCullum
Barry Dotson, Sr.

Barry Dotson, Jr.
Jimmy L. Warren

James T. McCullum

Interment

Dancyville C. M. E. Church Cemetery

REPAST

Dancyville C. M. E. Church Fellowship Hall

Arrangements Entrusted To: **R. S. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home**

374 Vance Avenue - Memphis, Tennessee
(901) 526-3264

"Ninety Bears Of Service"

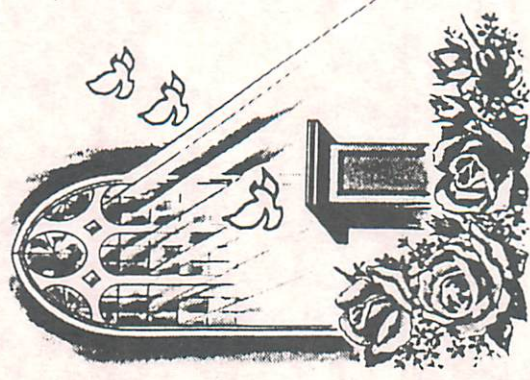
Homegoing Celebration For The Life Of Ruby Ray Perry Dotson

Sunrise

February 18, 1933

Sunset

October 26, 2004



Saturday, October 30, 2004

2:00 P. M.

Dancyville Christian

Methodist Episcopal Church

3315 Dancyville Road

Stanton, Tennessee 38069

*Reverend Arnold Peterson - Pastor Officiating
Reverend Dr. John H. Robinson - Presiding Elder
Bishop William H. Graves - Presiding Prelate*

Dear Granny,
You are up in heaven now watching over us. The things you taught us and the things you did for us will be missed. The Sunday mornings with the sweeping to music and the asking, do you want breakfast at 5:00 a.m. I can't get those days back but I will always remember them. Granny I love you.

~ Tonika

Granny, for thirty-one years you have been a shoulder to lean on, an advisor, and a caring teacher. My mother and father gave me life, but you taught me life. One day I will see your smiling face again. Until I make it home you will be missed dearly.

Everlasting Love,
Tamus

Grandma,
I love you from top to bottom, you are like a friend, you are nice, you have generosity, you have encouraged others. You have helped others, most of all you loved me!!!

Jessica Leigh Warren
Love You

Grandmother and Friend

I remember our conversations and the laughs we always had;
The things you would say to cheer me up whenever I was sad.
The way I could talk to you about the problems on my mind
Sitting her thinking I wish time would rewind.
No matter what chaos was about you, you never let me down;
Now you have moved on, to receive your precious crown.
Although you have gone to the heavens this I know is true:
Granny, there will never be another best friend as dear to me as you.

Your Loving Granddaughter,
Tracy



Mama



I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me
A crown of righteousness,
Which the Lord, the righteous judge,
Shall give me at that day...
And not to me only,
But unto all them also that love
His appearing.
11 Timothy 4:7-8

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"I AM FREE"

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free.
 I am 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 pray.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I found that peace at the close of the day,
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy,
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Oh yes, these things I too shall miss.
 Be not burdened with time, nor sorrow.
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow,
 My life's been full, I've savored much,
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seems all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share it with me,
 God wants me now, He set me free.



Mother, we cry for you today, but tears of joy.
 The angels came down from heaven, swept you up.
 They said no more pain,
 No more suffering come on home my child and rest.

Love You Mom,
 Ruby Jean



Life has shown me many splendors of wonder
 but none can compare to that of my mother.
 Throughout all my transgressions
 she never stopped loving me.
 For that I am forever thankful
 and eternally blessed.

Always in my heart, forever in my soul.
 Kenny

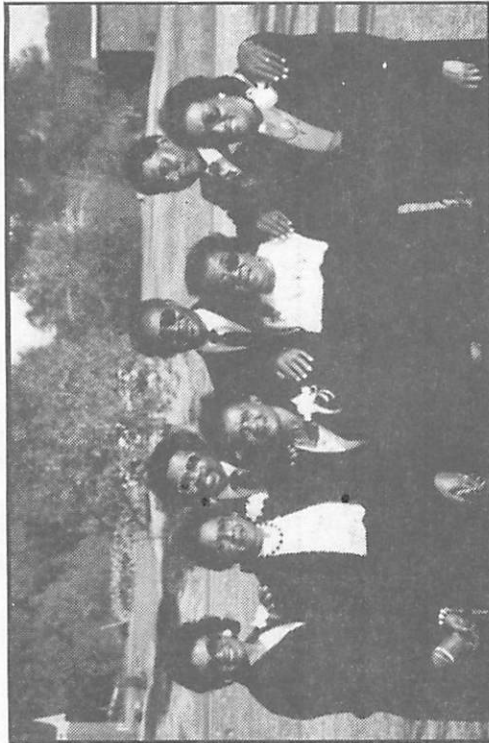


Sister

*We didn't get a chance to say good-bye.
But you know how much we all love you.
Now you are gone, you will be greatly missed,
Rest in peace, we will all be together again.*



Love Your Babysister Sue, Alberdia, Gertrude and Lula Mae



Sister

*We hurt because you left us,
We cry because you are gone.
With sorrow we must say good-bye.
But your memory lives on.*



*Your Brothers,
Thomas, Eddie and O. T.*



- Obituary -

Ruby Ray Perry Dotson was born in Hardeman County on February 18, 1933 to the late Reverend James Thomas and Bertha Mae Thompson Perry.

Ruby departed this life on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at Overton Park Nursing Home in Memphis, Tennessee.

Ruby accepted Christ at an early age at Dancyville Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Dancyville, Tennessee and later joined St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee under the leadership of the late Reverend Napoleon L. Blake.

Ruby was united in Holy Matrimony to Edward Lee Dotson and together they raised four children: Ruby Jean Perry McCullum (James), Hilda Gail Dotson Warren (Jimmy), Barry Dennis Dotson (Jacqueline) and Kenneth Eugene Dotson, all of Memphis, Tennessee.

Ruby leaves to cherish her pleasant memories, two grandsons, Tamus Martas McCullum and Barry Dennis Dotson Jr.; four granddaughters, Tonika Marquette McCullum, Prestiley Michelle Shaffer, Tracy Marquis McCullum and Jessica Leigh Warren; three great-grandchildren; four sisters, Lula Dawkins of Harvey, Illinois, Gertrude Turner of Brownsville, Tennessee, Alberdia Flagg (Simuel) of Oakland, California and James Sue Ballard (Jimmie) of Flint, Michigan; five brothers, Thomas Perry (Rovina) of Detroit, Michigan, Presiding Elder E. L. Perry (Laura) of Somerville, Tennessee, O. T. Perry (Sallie) of Mt. Morris, Michigan, (two brothers, Leamon and R. T. Perry, preceded her in death); seven sisters-in-law, Sarah McCullum, Mamie McCracken, Barbara Malone (Eddie), Eunice Chapman, Regina Sanderlin, Patricia Hobson and Carolyn Hobson; two special Godsons, Donald Wright and Marvin Carroll; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

- Order Of Service -

- The Processional Ministers and Family
- Prayer Reverend Arthur L. Turner
- Scriptures:
 - Old Testament / Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Reverend Arnold Peterson
 - New Testament / Thessalonians 4:13-18 Reverend James Perry
- Solo Gertie Turner Parker
- Comfort to the Family Reverend Waldo Campbell
- Tributes / Expressions (Three Minutes, Please)
- Solo Cheryl Perry
- Acknowledgements Alvis M. Bond
- Solo L. Harris
- Eulogy Presiding Elder E. L. Perry
- Song Tranika Malone
- Recessional

****Remains Will Not Be Viewed****

God's Garden

*God looked around His garden and He found an empty place
He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb
So He closed you weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

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