



Dorothy Wilson

December 1, 1934 - February 1, 2025

In loving memory of Dorothy Dolores Wilson (12-1-1934 to 2-1-2025).

Dorothy passed away peacefully in Sanford, FL, from natural causes. Dorothy turned 90 recently, and we cherish the time we had with her. She was a loving mother, wife, and grandmother, and spent her life caring for others. Her unwavering dedication to her faith in God guided her life which exemplified Christian values.

She is survived by her children, Donna Leggat and husband, Bruce Leggat, Linda Denson, Angela Jennings and husband Dean Jennings, and Amanda Haynes. She treasured her grandchildren, George Donaho, Caitlyn Haynes, Jordan Brunsman, and was preceded in death by beloved Brennan Haynes.

Dorothy was born in Norfolk, VA, and her parents were Dorsey Richard Smith and Irma Louise Bone-Smith. She is from a very large family with many siblings, and grew up in Chesapeake, VA area. Dorothy cherished and had fond memories and stories to tell about her parents and many siblings including Ginny, William, Norman, Leslie, Ann, and Mary, and preceded in death by Sylvia, Martha, Grady, Warren, Irving, Maurice, Lucille, and Marjorie.

Dorothy graduated from Kempsville High School in 1953 and moved to Texas where she married James Robert (Bob) Wilson in 1954. They started their

family and moved where Bob's career took them, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas and Florida.

Dorothy had many interests and hobbies. She was a wonderful teacher, always helping her children and grandchildren excel in their studies. Her love of music was an inspiration to us all. She loved to sing and play piano and keyboard and encouraged her children to play instruments and sing. She enjoyed reading, writing poetry, painting and crafts, gardening, and she was an amazing cook, still preparing delicious meals at 90. She loved to read the bible and write in her journal. Dorothy was also adored by her friends and neighbors, and she would always try to help anyone in need. She was humble and grateful for everyone in her life and often wrote letters and cards to loved ones.

Dorothy's memory will remain in the hearts of her family and friends and all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Please share any memory or photo of Dorothy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity that helps those in need, such as Feeding America, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, or any similar charity of your choice. Thank you.

A few of Dorothy's favorite songs/music: Amazing Grace, Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Andrea Bocelli, beautiful harp music, Edelweiss.

Details of a Celebration of Life Memorial for Dorothy will be announced in the near future.

The Promise

Fear thou not I am with you
Blessed golden rays
Like a star of glory
Shining up my way
Through the clouds of midnight
This bright promise shown
I will never leave you
Never will leave you alone.

Written by Dorothy Wilson

Inspired by John: 14

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Angela Jennings - April 01, 2025 at 05:52 PM

AH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amanda Wilson Haynes - February 25, 2025 at 06:26 PM

AN

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved Mother and our Sister. Dorothy was an excellent cook so in her Memory, Jason and I are donating to a charity, Feeding America...to provide 1000 meals to hungry children and families in this country. Dorothy provided a helping hand to those in need and she would have loved to help feed all the hungry children and families in America...I can see her beautiful face aglow in Heaven...God Bless her beautiful daughters...Love Aunt Anne and Jason.

Anne - February 13, 2025 at 11:29 AM

AJ

That is very kind of you both. Thank you so much ❤️

Angela Jennings - April 01, 2025 at 05:11 PM

AN

“ 2 files added to the album Dorothy Wilson



Anne - February 13, 2025 at 11:13 AM

LS

“ My precious Sister, Dorothy, taught me that life will have wonderful experiences and difficult experiences. She taught me that Psalm 23 was the only way to be an overcomer in all of life's experiences. We have the Lord as our Shepherd and we will be more than conquerors in this life. Dorothy loved the Bible, the Infallible Word of God and she walked in the Light with the Lord Jesus. She taught the importance of the Bible. She was an example to all. She revealed how to live the Christian life. I will forever appreciate what Dorothy taught me. I will also miss her phone calls and loving words of encouragement. Heaven is a real place where we will be with Jesus and with Dorothy. To Amanda, Angela, Donna and Linda and Grandchildren we send our deepest sympathy and love. Leslie and Carolyn Smith

Leslie and Carolyn Smith - February 11, 2025 at 02:45 PM

AJ

Thank you so much, Uncle Les and Carolyn ❤️

Angela Jennings - April 01, 2025 at 05:10 PM

PL

“ Dorothy was my Aunt...but felt like my sister and friend. We talked often on the phone for hours. Talking about faith family and politics. We really enjoyed our talks...and I'll truly miss her and our phone time. She Absolutely filled a part of my ❤️.

Patricia Leming - February 11, 2025 at 12:02 PM

AJ

Thank you Patty, my mom mentioned you often and enjoyed your talks very much. You were very special to her. ❤️ This is her daughter, Angela.

Angela Jennings - February 11, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MS

Dorothy was a wonderful neighbor to have. I often complimented her on the outfits she wore. She had a great sense of humor and style. She always left a note for me at my door to show her appreciation. She shared with me that she had written several books and wanted to publish them. I hope to see her work published. She had a kind heart and loved Jesus with all her heart. She will be missed by her neighbors.

Micaela Salinas - February 12, 2025 at 09:51 AM

AJ

Thank you so much Micaela! ❤️

Angela Jennings - April 01, 2025 at 05:09 PM

LS

“ A Tribute to our Dearly Beloved Sister Dorothy. Our sister was ready to go to Heaven, she is safe in the arms of Jesus. Dorothy was a fine Christian lady. She followed God's Commandments & honored our Mother & Father as God commanded us to do. Dorothy had four beautiful daughters. She was passionate about reading & studying the Bible. As I remember our childhood, Dorothy always got along with family members, she was a hard worker & always doing something to make a better life for her children. She was a kind & tender type person & she always wanted to help others. It's never easy when a loved one passes on but when they have been serving the Lord it gives us more comfort & peace. We will always love Dorothy, we shall meet her in Heaven by & by on that beautiful shore. With Love, Sister Ginny

Lilly Virginia Slycord - February 07, 2025 at 12:32 PM

PL

*Enjoyed your message...I'm sure her grandson and other family members were waiting to greet her.
Like you...thankful for memories. ☐*

Patricia Leming - February 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM

PL

*Memories are a treasure....thanks for sharing your thoughts.
I'm sure her grandson was there to greet her along with ALOT...of other family members.
Thanks for sharing your thoughts. ❤️*

Patricia Leming - February 11, 2025 at 02:59 PM

AJ

Thank you, Aunt Ginny, for your sweet and thoughtful memory. ❤️

Angela Jennings - February 11, 2025 at 05:38 PM



In memory of my adorable sister: Dorothy Delores Smith, Wilson. While growing up in a large family I remember she was loving, giving, and kind. She would offer to help her brothers and sisters. She reminded me to do my homework and then helped me do it. She would read her Bible to us on many occasions and quote John 3:16 " For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

In March 2007 my wife and I, Frances had a wonderful visit at her home in Winter Park, FL. We attended the Worship service at Aloma Baptist where Anthony George was pastor. We talked about the good old days, and how she spent day after day taking care of Mama. When we got home there was a letter from her, thanking us for the visit, but in the letter there was a note that I will never forget. "When I see someone in dire need, I will drop everything to offer help, especially loved ones, like Mama.

*With Kindness,
Her Brother: William Richard Smith*

William Smith - February 11, 2025 at 06:46 PM



That is so sweet. Thank you, Uncle William

Angela Jennings - April 01, 2025 at 05:13 PM