

Obituary

Ms. Dorothy Marie Kears was born November 12, 1957, at Shaw Air Force Base, Dalzell, South Carolina. She was the youngest child of the late Willie Kears and Doris Wingard Kears. She departed this life on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

Ms. Kears was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and Bayport, Long Island, New York. She graduated from Bayport-Blue High School, Class of 1976. She attended Midlands Technical College, and went on to Job Corp, where she received her certification in electronics. She was employed by Richland School District One, as a dedicated and caring bus driver, for many years. She was also employed part time at the Constan Car Wash and Franks Hot Dogs in Five Points. She retired from the University of South Carolina, March of 2021.

Ms. Kears was an avid student of Jehovah's Witness. She enjoyed a challenging game of chess and long walks. Ms. Kears was affectionately known as the *Walking Lady*, because she walked five miles daily.

Dorothy was preceded in death by: her parents, Willie Kears and Doris Wingard Kears; and siblings, Doris Jean Kears and Calvin Dean Kears.

Ms. Dorothy Marie Kears leaves to mourn her passing; her brother, James Curtis Kears, of Seattle, Washington; aunts, Patricia Wingard Gold, Vermell Wingard, both of Columbia, South Carolina, and Callie Lou Kears Johnson Bing, of Fairfax, South Carolina; uncle, Thomas Leon Wingard, of Columbia, South Carolina; a special friend, Gerald Jackson, of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of cousins, many other caring relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Ms. Eunice Watson Cornelius, Aunt, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn..... "Believe For It"
(Recording By: CeCe Winans)

Prayer.....Deacon Michael Keels

Old Testament.....Ms. Patricia Gold, *Aunt*

New Testament.....Deacon Michael Keels

Selection....."You Get The Glory From Me"
(Recording by: Jonathan Traylor)

Reflections.....Mr. Alvin Ronnie Watson, *Family*
Ms. Frances Gaillard, *Classmate*
Sandra Mantle, *Co-Worker*

Solo "I Shall Wear A Crown".. Ms. Morgan Jones

Words of Remembrance.....Mr. Torrence J. Daniel, *Cousin*
"A Life Fulfilled"

Closing Remarks.....Ms. Eunice Watson Cornelius

Recessional..... "I Will Always Love You"
(Recording by: Whitney Houston)

Committal

Benediction



Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness,

Don't remember me with tears,

Remember all the laughter,

We've shared throughout the years.

Now I am contented

That my life it was worthwhile,

Knowing that I passed along the way

I made somebody smile.

When you are walking down the street

And you've got me on your mind,

I'm walking in your footsteps

Only half a step behind.

So please don't be unhappy

Just because I'm out of sight,

Remember that I'm with you

Each morning, noon, and night.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Dorothy Marie Kearse, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.



Services Entrusted To:

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In Loving Memory of

Ms. Dorothy Marie Kearse



Saturday, December 11, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

*1831 Taylor Street
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