



Dorether Richardson Lawrence

October 26, 1930 - September 20, 2022

Dorether Richardson Lawrence, born on October 26, 1930, in Ridgeland, South Carolina was one of four children born to the union of Adell and Estella Richardson Lawrence.

As a young girl growing up in Ridgeland, South Carolina, Dorether was surrounded by loving parents and relatives that developed and molded her as she grew into childhood. She received her primary education in Ridgeland until her parents moved to Apopka, Florida where she attended Phyllis Wheatley High School. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church where she sang in the choir and served her church faithfully.

As her life's journey continued Dorether moved to Newark, New Jersey with her first-born daughter, Betty Jo. During this time, she worked at East Orange General Hospital. Dorether would later givebirth to Willie Tyrone, Wanda, and Keith. She was a loving and devoted mother and a true lifelong survivor. While in East Orange, she united with Messiah Baptist Church. In 1970 she moved back to Apopka and began to work for the Disney Corporation and later at Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School as a cafeteria cook where she remained until she retired after 25 years of service. Dorether was known at the school for her infectious laughter and smiles.

In 2006, Dorether along with her daughter Wanda, moved to East Orange, New Jersey to be with her eldest daughter, Betty Jo. "Doe" as she was affectionately called, loved to cook, dance, and read books. She loved to joke around and had the best memory in the family. She could recount stories from "back in the day" with precision and could remember everyone's birthday. Doe would always call and sing for you on your special day. Let's not forget that she always "had to get her hair done".

Almost a year ago, Dorether moved back to Florida to be with her son Keith and his wife as she continued to live her final days. She transitioned from this life peacefully on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents, Adell and Estella Lawrence and son, Willie Tyrone Pierce, Jr.

She leaves to cherish fond and precious memories; two daughters, Betty Jo (Leamare) Mitchell, East Orange, New Jersey and Wanda T. Pierce, Orlando, Florida; one son, Keith R. (Debbie) Pierce, Orlando, Florida; one brother, Dr. Rodell (Cedar) Lawrence, Martinez, Georgia; two sisters, Marilyn Barnes, Apopka, Florida, and Valerie Lawrence, Rochester, New York; one granddaughter, Clairea Woods, Long Branch, New Jersey; three great-grandchildren, Zykeriah, Omar and Madyson all of Long Branch, New Jersey; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and loving friends.

To view the service via Facebook Livestream use the link below:

<https://m.facebook.com/ZandersFuneralLIVE/>

To view the service via YouTube Livestream use the link below:

<Http://www.youtube.com/watch?V=GFHGBAR4KU>

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorether Richardson Lawrence*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - January 02, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Charles lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



charles - October 11, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - October 02, 2022 at 08:08 PM

VL

“ Valerie Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence



Valerie Lawrence - October 02, 2022 at 07:01 PM

RL

“ Rodell Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence



Rodell Lawrence - October 01, 2022 at 10:47 AM

CM

“ Cynthia Fair McCutchen lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence



Cynthia Fair McCutchen - October 01, 2022 at 07:47 AM

ES

“ Eddie T. Long Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence



Eddie T. Long Sr - September 30, 2022 at 10:27 PM

LM

“ *Lucius J Monroe lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



Lucius J Monroe - September 30, 2022 at 12:32 PM

LM

“ *My condolences to the Lawrence Family*

Lucius J Monroe - September 30, 2022 at 12:31 PM

WF

“ *West Family lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



West Family - September 29, 2022 at 06:37 PM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



Charlie Mae Warren - September 29, 2022 at 06:32 PM

CL

“ Cedar Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence



cedar Lawrence - September 28, 2022 at 09:03 PM

PB

“ Pamela Boyd lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence



Pamela Boyd - September 28, 2022 at 07:13 PM

DN

“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson



Dot Newsome - September 28, 2022 at 03:58 PM

TD

“ Terric and Candace Durden lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson



Terric Durden - September 28, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MK

“ *MAMIE LONG KELLY sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



MAMIE LONG KELLY - September 27, 2022 at 11:25 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Scott lit a candle in memory of Dorether Richardson Lawrence*



Minnie Scott - September 27, 2022 at 07:39 PM