



Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot"

June 16, 1947 - October 19, 2022

" She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She Watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-27, 29.

Dorothy means GIFT FROM GOD

Dorothy Fonville was indeed a gift from God. Tall in stature, there was not a room she entered which she did not gift others with her confidence, charm, bursting personality and bold words. She lived the life she spoke about.

Born on June 16, 1947, Pike County, Alabama, Dorothy was the seventh child gift born to Jeffery Park (JP) and Alma Baker. Soon after birth, Dorothy was given the nickname "Dot". Dot was precious gift to the Body of Christ. She was raised in the church; she was active in both the Pentecostal Temple COGIC (Detroit, MI). Most recently, she became active at Wootson Temple COGIC (Clermont, FL).

In 1969, Dot married her then husband Charles Stringer, and in 1970, the gift of a bouncing baby girl was born, Marlyce "Shell" Stringer. Shell is, for sure, her mother's match.

A graduate of Hillcrest High, Dot was excited to pursue cosmetology at Trenholm Vocational, but she would not stop there. She continued her educational studies in surgical tech Wayne Community College (Detroit, MI) and University of Detroit Mercy. Dot gifted her skills and training for over 30 years at Detroit Receiving Hospital, now DMC.

Relocating from Alabama to Florida to Michigan, Dot was blessed when she met Thomas (Tom) Fonville. In 1990, Dot and Tom decided to become one in the gift of love and marriage.

In 2006, Dot and Tom decided to trade in their snow shovels for the sunshine state of Florida. It was then they relocated and settled into Leesburg, Florida. Dot and Tom loved to travel, and they could often be found cruising the seas to various destinations. The gift of family was foundational for them both and their travels would always lead them home..... Detroit, Michigan for Tom and Brundidge, Alabama for Dot.

Dot was a lover of bowling, cooking, and family. A voice for many, she was a Life member of the Lake County NAACP and Lake County Democratic Black Caucus, President of the Pastor's Aid Committee, Deaconess Missionary at Wootson Temple COGIC, where she was lovingly called "Mother Fonville"

"Life is a but a stopping place, A pause in what's to be, A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity."

Dot was preceded in death by her loving parents, J. P. and Alma Baker, siblings: Margaret Catherine Baker, Mary Bell Richards, and Annie Ruth King and her devoted husband, Thomas "Tom" Fonville.

Dot is survived by her loving and devoted daughter, Marlyce "Shell" Stringer of

Bradenton, FL; siblings:

Albert (Mildred) Baker, JoAnn McGuire, Jeffery "Jeff (Willo) Baker, all of Brundidge, AL, Alto

"Bug" (Mattie) Baker of Inkster, MI, Sarah (Frank) McWilliams of Headland, AL, Lorenza "Pete" (Vallanda) Baker of Troy, AL, Susie Nell (Leonard) Copeland and Michael Baker all of Bradenton, FL. Dot is also survived by a host of nephews and nieces, whom she loved dearly; in-laws Audrey Winters of Macomb Township, MI, James Welch of Cleveland, OH, Louis (Donna) Thomas of Detroit, MI, and Dorothy Orange of Miami, FL.

Never forgetting the gift of love, kindness, and dedication; her sister Susie (Nell) was her caretaker as she grew ill up to her last breath.

"And when the journey finally ends, We will claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, Together with the lord"

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wootson Temple Church of God in Christ
918 Scott Street
Clermont, FL 34711

Service

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Interment

OCT 28. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot"

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ Twanna Fedrick lit a candle in memory of Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot"



Twanna Fedrick - October 27, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ Dear Marlyce and family, we celebrate Aunt Dot's life, and will remember her smile and laugh, and cooking in Big Mama's house. She brought us together as family, and is now with Jesus and her heavenly family. Love,

🌹 Albert, Mildred, and Michele Baker 🌹

Micgele Baker - October 26, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot".



October 26, 2022 at 02:27 PM

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“ *The Winters Family & The Buchanan Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot".*



The Winters Family & The Buchanan Family - October 26, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot".*



October 26, 2022 at 10:38 AM

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“ *The Baker Family in Cincinnati purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Dorothy B. Fonville "Dot".*



The Baker Family in Cincinnati - October 25, 2022 at 11:01 PM

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“ *My love and prayers are with Dorothy Fonville's daughter and the Baker family in their time of sorrow ,may God comfort you all,Dot was like a sister to me I well miss her more than words can express,may she RIP your sister-in-law Audrey Winters*

Audrey Winters (sister-in-law) - October 25, 2022 at 09:40 PM

HS

“ *Sending prayers of comfort, strength and understanding to the Baker and Fonville families. Our classmate, Dot will be missed.*
Hilda Shipman Swain



Hilda Mitchell Swain - October 25, 2022 at 05:01 PM

RR

“ *My condolence to the Fonville and Baker families on the loss of Dorothy.*

Raymond Rodgers - October 25, 2022 at 06:03 AM