



## Dorothy Dowdell Hughley

September 25, 1950 - January 12, 2023

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Dowdell Hughley was born September 25, 1950, in Tuskegee, Alabama at John Andrew Hospital to parents, Pompey Lee Dowdell and Rebecca Bailey Dowdell. She attended J.F. Drake High School in Auburn, Alabama and graduated in the Class of 1968.

After high school, Dorothy attended Florida A&M University and worked at Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home here in Apopka, Florida. She later worked for the Apopka Police Department, where she was the first black female police officer.

Dorothy married Roosevelt Hughley in 1972 at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Florida, sharing a beautiful love and life for 48 years. She was a homemaker, faithful wife, and a powerful woman of God, that was devoted to ministry as an evangelist alongside her husband. She and her husband were members of Church of God by Faith in Winter Park and Apopka, Florida and later became members of Church In The Son in Orlando, Florida for over 20 years.

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, Mrs. Dorothy Hughley closed her eyes and slept peacefully into eternity with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Evangelist Roosevelt Hughley

and her Father and Mother, Pompey Lee Dowdell and Rebecca Bailey Dowdell.

She leaves a legacy of love, kindness, and encouragement to her Devoted and Loving Daughter, Tina Gano of Sanford, Florida; an Adoring Niece, Sankela C. Dowdell of Loachapoka, Alabama and two Loving Nephews: Brandon Dowdell of Auburn, Alabama and Jackovada (Felecia) Thomas of Opelika, Alabama; a Special Friend, Shelia Williams of Sanford, Florida; Siblings: Edward (Debra) Dowdell of Auburn, Alabama, Irene Dowdell of Loachapoka, Alabama, and Sonjia (Joseph) Thomas of Loachapoka, Alabama; Seven Stepchildren: Kelly Hughley, Kenny Hughley, Katherine Washington, Katrina (Tommie Lee) Lynch, Kevin Hughley, all of Apopka, Florida, Rose Casey of Deltona, Florida and Jackie Moore of Sanford, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery ~ Casselberry

150 S. Cypress Way  
Casselberry, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church  
1202 S. Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Dowdell Hughley

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the loving family of Aunt Dot. She will ve greatly missed, each time that I come back home to visit. I will miss your love, hugs, conversation, laughter, and presence.

To Tina thank you for being there, until the end of her lasr breath. A job well. Your service was impeccable. Your love and friendship was priceless. I will continue to lift you all up in prayer. Much Much ❤️



Ina J Owens - January 22, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy Dowdell Hughley.



January 20, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Pastor Anthony Shealey & entire MTZBC and the Loachapoka AI Community sends our condolences and love



Anthony Shealey - January 20, 2023 at 08:57 AM

GT

“ I'm sad to hear Dot passed. We spent a great amount of time together. We were friends through childhood, high school and years afterwards. I will always cherish our years of friendship. My deepest sympathy to the family!

*Geraldine (Gerry) Floyd Taylor*

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**Geraldine Floyd Taylor** - January 18, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Dowdell Hughley.



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January 18, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Dowdell Hughley.



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January 17, 2023 at 10:17 AM

PK

“ ~ God's Hands Are Over Dot as She Transitions from Earth to Heaven ~

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**Pollie Flippins, Louisville, KY** - January 16, 2023 at 09:23 PM

PF

“ ~ *God's Hands Are Over Dot as She Transitions from Earth to Heaven* ~

**Pollie Flippins** - January 15, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Dowdell Hughley.*



January 15, 2023 at 06:48 PM

JL

“ *Time spent together  
Through sunshine and shade  
In a garden of friendship,  
Where memories are made.*



♥♥ *Dot was my 1st cousin, and we grew up like sisters. Our family in Loachapoka, AL will always remember her legacy. Gone but never forgotten. RIP 🙏*

*Judy P. Lockhart*

**Judy P. Lockhart** - January 15, 2023 at 03:00 PM

ST

“ *The work u have done has spoken for U  
RIP "DOT"*



**Sonja G. Thomas** - January 14, 2023 at 09:32 PM

ST

“ *Sonjia G. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dowdell Hughley*



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**Sonjia G. Thomas** - January 14, 2023 at 09:30 PM

LF

“ *Larry Fraizer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dowdell Hughley*



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**Larry Fraizer** - January 14, 2023 at 06:31 PM

BS

“ *Our Prayers to the family. Penny Rowe and Vernita Rowell*



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**Bev Smith** - January 14, 2023 at 01:10 PM

BS

“ *My condolences to the Dowdell and Hughley family, in the lost of your loves... B.Sullivan and family Loachapoka ,Al*



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**Bev Smith** - January 14, 2023 at 01:08 PM