

Celebrating
The Life of

EVANGELIST

Dorothy
Wright
Smith

June 5, 1937

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September 8, 2026

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

VIEWING: 11:00 AM

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION: 12:00 PM



ROGER WILLIAMS BAPTIST CHURCH

362 Oak Street, Passaic, NJ 07055

Rev. Dr. W. B. Davidson, Pastor

Order of Service

- Presiding Co-Pastor Gladys Farmer
(Joy Temple OFWB Church, Willingboro, NJ 080046)
- Processional Clergy & Family
- Hymn..... “There is Not a Friend”
- Prayer of Comfort Pastor Wiley Farmer
(Joy Temple OFWB Church, Willingboro, NJ 080046)
- Scripture Reading
- Old Testament: Psalms 90: 1-12 Minister Bonita Singletary Bell
- New Testament: I Corinthians 15:51-58 Evang. Barbara Callaway
- Selection
- Reflections..... (2 Minutes Please)
Tiffany Wright Cook – Granddaughter
Family
Friends
- Acknowledgement & Obituary Tyra Wright Pagan
- Introduction
- Solo Evangelist Viola Reid
- Eulogy Pastor Dr. W.B. Davidson
- Benediction Pastor Dr. W.B. Davidson

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
255 Main Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07014

Repast

Rogers Williams Baptist Church
362 Oak St., Passaic, NJ 07055

Pallbearers

Jordan Pagan, Great Grandson, Brian Cook, Son in Law,
Neal Singletary, Nephew, Gason Jenkins, Cousin

Legacy of Life

“What the caterpillar perceives as the end, to the butterfly is just the beginning”

Dorothy M. (Singletary) Wright Smith, was born in Lake City, South Carolina on June 5, 1937 to the late Rev. Isaac & Martha Lewis Singletary. Dorothy received her formal education from the school system of Lake City, South Carolina. Raised in a Christian home, Dorothy accepted Christ as her personal Savior at a very young age.

She lived in Passaic, NJ for many years before moving to N. Arlington, NJ.

March 2023, Dorothy relocated to Greenville, SC to live with her sister Merlene.

Evangelist Dorothy Smith worked faithfully in different churches. She was a member of New Canaan Fire Baptized Holiness Church, Monroe St. Passaic under the leadership of the Late Gilbert Mason Mitchell. She was a member of the Women's National Evangelistic Missionary Conference, Inc. Dorothy was certified with her credentials of ordination in 1988 by Deliverance Holy Tabernacle, Inc. Paterson, NJ to assist in pastoring. Dorothy attended Bible schools in surrounding NJ areas. She was assistant Pastor of Hopewell Holiness Church, Passaic, NJ for many years where her husband Rev. Shelton Smith was the Pastor.

Dorothy was employed at VIP Industries, Paterson, NJ after many years of work she retired.

Dorothy was married and blessed with four beautiful children one girl Doris E. Wright and three sons, Kenny, Dennis and Benny Wright all of Passaic NJ.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Shelton Smith, four children, Kenny, Dennis, Benny and Doris; her parents Rev. Isaac and Martha Lewis Singletary; brothers, Rev. Hyman Jerry Singletary, Rev. Early Singletary Sr., Simon Singletary and Clinton Lewis. Sisters-Martha Ann Gibbs, and Julia Ann Cooper.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories her grandchildren, Tyra (Louie) Pagan, Tiffany (Brian) Cook, Rachael Wright, Phylicia and Michelle Wright, Kenny Jr., Joshua and Nathan Wright. Great Grandchildren, Amiya, Zario, Jordan, Aaliyah, Kairo and Adonis Wright, Xzaveon Brown, Jase and Jade Cook, Jordan, Justin and Jacob Pagan and Cameron Scott. Six Sisters, Geneva S. Turner, Betty Dais, Janice Thurmon, Donna Rogers and Merlene Singletary-Crowe, Lottie Lewis. A very special friend Mother Annie Lawson. Three brothers, Rev. Mack Singletary, Isaiah and Jacob (Mary Jane) Singletary.

Dorothy was a loving mother to her four children, grandchildren, great grands, and just a loving and caring kindhearted person to everyone she met. She loved to talk, meeting new people and approached no one as a stranger. Whether she meet you on the streets, Amtrak, church or at a restaurant. Dorothy rode Amtrak for many trips from New Jersey to South Carolina.

She loved cooking for family events and holidays making her famous rainbow, jelly, raisin, coconut pineapple cakes, cream cheese pound cakes, sweet potato pies and potato breads and cornbread and great cornbread. Her culinary enthusiasm was shared through many of the family, church and her sold- out chartered bus rides from NJ to South Carolina on holidays, and weekends. Whether it was special events or just cuisine just to feed the soul it was enjoyable for all who experienced it.

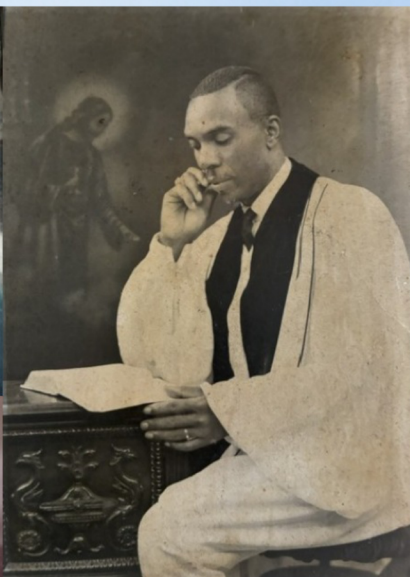
Her love for planning bus trips to S.C. were coveted affairs. They integrated with her passion for helping. Known for her generosity it wasn't surprising to find her giving caring advice to others, lending a helping hand and being the source of encouragement. Dorothy's unselfishness was a beautiful trait she wore timelessly and honestly. Whenever one would call her on the phone, you knew you had the right number—all normal ways of answering the phone with "hello" were "Praise Um" a declarative and a command that God is worthy of all the Praises at all times.

She knew who and what God was and wanted others to know of Him; and to know Him Personally.

Until We Meet Again

*I'm writing this from heaven,
Where I dwell with God above.
I am resting here with angels,
Who surround me now with love,
But though I may seem far away,
We will never truly part.
For part of me lives on with you
Forever in your heart.
Love..... Dorothy*

Precious Memories







Acknowledgement

With warm hearts and grateful appreciation, the family of Evang. Dorothy Smith acknowledges the many acts of kindness and deeds of generosity extended to them during this period of bereavement. Your cards, prayers, calls and visits were all a blessing during this difficult time. We pray God will richly bless each of you. The Family.

Special Thanks to: Reedy River Post Acute, Debbie, Bella, Nurses on Unit 2 both Laura's & Victoria; Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital Staff; Tyra Wright for your surprise visit from NJ to SC; Tara and Devon; Linda Singletary for all she had, and still doing; Fran and Gayson Jenkins we love you all.

To Merelene we can not thank you enough for your exceptional care for your beloved Sister. May God who sees and knows all, Bless you beyond measure.

Special, Special, Special thanks to:

Neal, (Dorothy's nephew) and his wonderful family - Tara and DeVon for your support and help.

Thank you for spending nights with Dorothy at the hospital; and at home so I could get rest and sleep at home in my bed.

Thank you for being that person that could calm Aunt Dorothy when sundowning behavioral symptoms hit, or dementias symptoms were at its highest.

Thank you for preparing food for her and making sure she ate, for helping her with bathroom use as much as you could; for encouraging her to get in and out of the car if I had to take her someplace; for helping to get her back into the house when symptom told her not to come inside.

To anyone that have noticed usual changes in a love one family member's behavior and /or daily functions that different from normal seek help for them. The symptoms are frightening and confusing to them and triggers fight or flight. They can't communicate what they are feeling, and you really have to show love, patient and care to make them more at ease. Pray with them.

Also special thanks to Mary Jane for all of your help.

First cousin Ruth Epps, thank you for coming and spending the nights and days to watch Dorothy while I work. Your deeds will always be remembered.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



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