

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Dorothy Smith-Reaves

Sunrise: May 2, 1969 - Sunset: March 20, 2025



Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 4PM

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Obituary

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Smith Reaves (May 2, 1969 - March 20, 2025)

With heavy hearts and profound sadness, we announce the passing of Dorothy Smith Reaves, a loving wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother, beloved daughter, treasured cousin, beloved sister, and treasured friend. Dorothy departed this life on March 20, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering devotion to her family and friends.

Dorothy was born on May 2, 1969, at Harlem Hospital in Manhattan, New York, to proud parents Maryann Bullock and Frederick Reaves. As the eldest of seven siblings—Michael Bullock, Frederick Reaves Jr., Lavesia Reaves, Quintasha Bullock, Thomas Bullock, and Troy Bullock—Dorothy embraced her role as a leader and nurturer within her family from an early age.

On a beautiful journey of love and partnership, Dorothy married her soulmate and best friend, Anthony Smith, in 1999. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and precious memories. Their enduring union was a testament to the depth of their bond.

Dorothy was a proud and dedicated mother to her nine children: Daquan Stukes, Laquaysha Whitfield, Shaquana Reaves, Duval Whitfield, Davone Whitfield, Antaysha Smith, Raquan Smith, Shanaya McNeill, and Antanae Smith. Her love for them knew no bounds, and she found immense joy in nurturing and supporting each of them. She was also the doting grandmother of 19 grandchildren, including Khaliq Reaves, Shaliq Reaves, Ayanah Bodden, London Colon, Zanaira Valdes, Hanaya Bodden, Daquan Stukes Jr., Logan Smith, Raquan Smith Jr., Jalieah Tanner, Shakim White Jr., Sage Smith, Zeus Smith, Demaya Stukes, Nyah Smith, Courtland McNeill, Anthony Burns Jr., Dakota Tunstall, and Denver Tunstall. Dorothy's grandchildren were the light of her life, and she took immense pride in each of their accomplishments and milestones.

Dorothy cherished the deep and meaningful relationships she shared with her extended family. She formed a special bond with her loving son-in-law, Craig McNeill, and her devoted daughter-in-law, Ashlei Richardson. Dorothy also treasured the close connections she had with her sister- and brothers-in-law, including Frank Smith, Teresa Smith, Jamaine Smith, Michael Smith, Shealean Smith, Trevin Watkins, and Shadarolyn Lee. Each of these relationships added warmth, laughter, and unforgettable memories to Dorothy's life. Her in-laws were not just family by marriage but true companions on her journey through life, bringing her immense joy and love.

Dorothy was a lifelong learner and an advocate for education. She pursued her studies at The City College of New York and Robeson Community College, focusing on Early Childhood Development. Dorothy earned several certifications throughout her career, including Home Health Aide and Security, showcasing her dedication to personal growth and her commitment to serving others. She worked as a Home Health Aide for many years, demonstrating compassion and kindness to those in her care.

Dorothy was the heart and foundation of her family. She worked tirelessly to keep her loved ones united, often organizing gatherings and capturing moments through her love of photography and recording. She had a passion for travel and cherished trips to Atlantic City, City Island, and the beach—always savoring the

beauty of these places, even if she preferred not to venture into the water.

Music was an integral part of Dorothy's life. She found joy and solace in the sounds of her favorite artists, including LL Cool J, 50 Cent, R. Kelly, and Jagged Edge. Through music and dance, she brought life to every celebration and became the soul of the party, uplifting those around her with her energy and vivacity.

Dorothy's love for her family was boundless. She was a beacon of strength and an endless source of support. Her door was always open to those in need, and she often gave selflessly, always putting others before herself. Dorothy was known for her sharp wit, caring nature, and incredible sense of humor. She was not only a nurturer but also a fighter, having faced and conquered challenges that most could never imagine.

Her legacy is one of love, resilience, and generosity. Dorothy taught us all the importance of family, the value of kindness, and the joy of creating lasting memories. Her remarkable spirit and unwavering devotion to her loved ones will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Dorothy leaves behind a family united by her love and an enduring spirit that will forever be missed but never forgotten. She was truly a remarkable woman who touched countless lives and brought light to the darkest of days.

As we bid farewell to Dorothy, we find solace in knowing that she is now at peace. Her love, laughter, and lessons will remain with us always.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Renee Rogers, Frederick Reaves Jr, China Rogers, Anthony Smith, Aundreus Houston, Shaquana Reaves, David Stukes

Obituary

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Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition:

Oxford Hills Crematory, Chester, New York





**A mother's heart, a beacon bright,
 Guiding her family through the night.
 Her love, unyielding, pure, and strong,
 A melody that lasts lifelong.**

**Nine children gathered 'round her care, nineteen grandchildren—
 her love to share. In pink she blossomed, bold and free,
 her joy a gift for all to see.**

**Her door, a haven, her arms so wide,
 for all who needed a place to hide.**

**A fighter's soul, a woman divine,
 Her legacy will forever shine.**

**Though she rests, her legacy remains,
 in lives she touched, in love unchained.**

**A strong, independent woman, adored.
 Her story, a treasure forever stored.**

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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