

Pallbearers

Grandsons and Great Grandsons

Acknowledgement

The family of Dorothy Ann Merritt wishes to express our sincere thanks for all the expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

Dorothy leaves a long legacy as “Mom”, “MomMom” (grandmother, great grandmother, great-great-grandmother), Dot (sister-in-law), Aunt Dot, Cousin Dot, and Dot (friend and Neighbor). She is survived by her daughter, Josephine(Albert) Tervalon of Houston, Texas, her sons, J.T. Merritt, Jr. of Burgaw, N.C., (Kathleen Merritt of Bloomfield, CT), Bernard R. Merritt, of Burgaw, N.C., Grandchildren, Unique Merritt(Teron) McFadden, Joe (Holly) Merritt, David Merritt, Gregory Merritt, Tanya Merritt, Toni Merritt, Charles F, Cunningham and Steven Troy Cunningham, 15 great grandchildren, 16 great-great-grand children, three sister-in-laws, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She will continue to be celebrated in many memories.

Funeral Service By:

Dunn Funeral Home, Inc.
810 West Wilmington Street * highway 53 West
Burgaw, NC 28425

Sunday, October 31 3:00pm
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Watha, North Carolina
Rev. Elbert Fowler – Officiating

Interment

Tuesday, November 2
Rolling Green Memorial Park
West Chester, PA

The Family will receive friends and relatives during repast in the St. Thomas Church Fellowship Hall, immediately following graveside rites.

In Loving Memory



Dorothy Ann Merritt

March 2 1920 to October 27 2010

Obituary

Dorothy Ann Merritt departed from us on October 27, 2010 to begin that greater life with her Almighty God and Loved ones who preceded her. She was the first born to Julia Jacobs and William Messick of Watha, North Carolina on March 2, 1920. She was reared on a farm and learned the values of family, hard work, education, commitment to God and helping others. She exemplified these values throughout her life.

Dorothy, lovingly known as Dot, graduated from Burgaw Colored High School April 22, 1938. December 24, 1938, she married Joe Sam Merritt. They had two children, Josephine (Jo) and J.T. (Junior). Motivated to secure better education for them, the couple planned a move to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She went first in 1943 and secured work; he followed 1944; the children were left in the care of Sam's parents, Ollie and Joe Merritt. By 1945 their work paid off; they had secured a home in an integrated neighborhood with good schools, had another son, Bernard (Bernie) and brought their family together.

The family was active in Vine Memorial Baptist Church and continued teaching their children the values they learned. Following her husband's death in March 1951, Dorothy returned to school. She attended Philadelphia School of Practical Nursing and received her diploma July 6, 1953. She had a long and successful career providing care for the elderly and convalescing patients. During that period, she joined St. Thomas African Episcopal Church to fulfill her spiritual life and maintain her professional commitments. Dorothy lived there after her children graduated and moved away until she returned to Burgaw in 1993.

Not only was Dorothy recognized as an outstanding nurse, but she demonstrated other talents. She sang in a gospel chorus; she was a quality seamstress; she learned to crochet and she was an excellent cook. A forever favorite requested by her children and grandchildren was Whirligig Cookies. Many others requested her Sweet Potato Pone and Specialty Decorated cakes. Dorothy loved to drive and go places, especially Atlantic City. She liked to play the slot machines and often won. She met the challenge of flying in Airplanes and then travelled to Italy, Hawaii, and the Bahamas. She was always ready for a new adventure and overcame the numerous challenges life presented.

Order of Service

Processional.....Soft Music

Prelude.....Soft Music

Song.....Choir

Scripture

Prayer

Poem

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Obituary.....Read Silently

Remarks

Song.....Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Elbert Fowler

Viewing of Remains

Morticians Brief.....Bobby Dunn