



Missionary Barbara Dotson

August 30, 1946 - November 24, 2023

Missionary Barbara Dotson, age 77, of Forrest City, Arkansas passed away on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Missionary Barbara Dotson started her life's journey on August 30, 1946, in a small community near Madison, AR. She was the eleventh child (four dying in infancy) born to Willie James Dotson (deceased) and Judy Ellis Dotson (deceased). It was certainly a joyous occasion for the birth of this child, because she was the second surviving daughter of two born in a family of five sons. She grew up surrounded by love, good ethics, and strong faith in God.

Barbara received her early education while attending Eldridge Butter Elementary School in Madison, AR. She later attended Lincoln Junior High and Lincoln Senior High School and graduated with the Class of 1965.

Soon after high school she began her work career with various governmentally funded programs; office worker during the early years of Crowley Ridge Vo-Tech, and finally at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator.

With a strong desire to continue her education, she enrolled in the newly established East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City. She earned an

Associate Degree at EACC. She later matriculated and commuted to Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AR, where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education, Master of Science in Education, and her Specialist in Community College Teachings. She accomplished all of this while working at Mid-South Vo-Tech, which later became Mid-South Community College in West Memphis, AR.

Weary of traveling for work, Barbara desired to come home to Forrest City. She was offered a teaching position with the Forrest City Public School System, where she remained until her retirement in 2010. She was a dedicated worker who won many awards and recognitions while working with students in various competitions and educational projects. She completed thirty years in the education field.

Being reared in a God-fearing home, Barbara committed her life to God at the age of sixteen. She was saved, sanctified, and eventually filled with the Holy Ghost! She was a lifelong member of the Willis Temple COGIC in Madison, AR. She served in various capacities in her local church, district, and even in Arkansas First Jurisdictional level. At the local church, she served over the years as Chair President, Prayer Warrior, Sunday School Superintendent, Church Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee Board member, Business Manager, and Local YWCC President. On the District level she served as Sunshine Band President, District Secretary, and as District YWCC President. She served as part of the secretarial staff for the Missionary Training Academy in the Jurisdictional Women Department.

Living an exemplary life, her main concern was to lead others to Christ. She touched many souls and had a great impact on their lives. We will always remember her as an exceptional woman who clothed herself in humility, hard work, and determination. Missionary Barbara departed this life peacefully at her home.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers— Ollie, Alfred, and Hugh of Cleveland, OH.

She leaves to cherish her memories her two sisters—Lebertha Dotson of Cleveland, OH and Odean Dotson of Forrest City, AR; two brothers—James Dotson (Myrtis deceased) of Forrest City, AR and Theodis (Tarlean) of Seven Hills, OH; three sisters-in-love—Carrie, Almeter, and Margaret all of Cleveland, OH; a godmother— Mother Josephine Alexander of West Helena, AR.

She was also blessed with bonus siblings—Mildred Allen (Willie), James Alexander, James Brown, Donna Gatlin (Reverend Lonzo); and Loretta Michaels. She also leaves godsons and families—Dr. E. Joeson (Dr. Jackie) Daniels of Little Rock, AR and Elder Urban (Bobbie) Ray of Kansas City, MO.

Barbara was truly blessed to have a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Please forward all Resolutions and Acknowledgements to:
mjkimble@yahoo.com, PO BOX 484, Forrest City, AR, 72335, by FAX:
870.633.1920, or 1900 South Washington Street, Forrest City, AR by
Thursday, November 30, 2023; Attention: Missionary Barbara Dotson

Cemetery Details

Paradise Garden Cemetery

68 Minnis Drive
Edmondson, AR 72332

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Willis Temple Church of God in Christ
407 South Second Street
Madison , AR 72359

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
4986 Highway 1 North
Caldwell , AR 72322

Tribute Wall



“ *Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation created a Webcast in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson* ”



Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation - December 02, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson* ”



Eddie Hodges - December 10, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ *Gwendolyn Ellis lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson* ”



Gwendolyn Ellis - December 01, 2023 at 09:22 AM

DS

“ *Deacon & Mother Robert Lane, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Deacon & Mother Robert Lane, Sr. - December 01, 2023 at 01:31 AM

DS

We will truly miss our beloved sister, Missionary Barbara Dotson

Deacon & Mother Robert Lane, Sr. - December 01, 2023 at 01:33 AM

WF

“ *Wilburn Family lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Wilburn Family - November 30, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Missionary Barbara Dotson.*



November 30, 2023 at 03:50 PM

RB

“ *Raquel B. lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Raquel B. - November 30, 2023 at 12:42 PM

WD

“ *Wilbert Dawson lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



wilbert dawson - November 30, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Missionary Barbara Dotson.*



November 29, 2023 at 10:48 PM

PP

“ *Patricia Pollard lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Patricia Pollard - November 29, 2023 at 08:33 PM

DF

“ *Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Debra Ford - November 29, 2023 at 07:20 PM

RG

“ *What a beautiful soul. My deepest heartfelt condolences. On behalf of the Long/Gaston family.*

Rachel Long Gaston - November 29, 2023 at 12:00 PM

HS

“ *We are praying for the Dotson Family. We know that God is holding you close. Our prayers are with you in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Thank God for a life well lived. Sending our love, Pastor Ray & Evangelist Helen Satterfield, Alexandria Virginia*

Helen Satterfield - November 28, 2023 at 07:53 PM

ER

“ *Evelyn W Rayford lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Evelyn W Rayford - November 28, 2023 at 06:52 PM

ST

“ Our sincere condolences to your family at this sadden time. Your family have many special memories to keep in your heart. God Bless.



Shirley Williams Thorn - November 28, 2023 at 01:11 PM

RW

“ Rene' Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson



Rene' Ward - November 28, 2023 at 12:26 PM

CD

“ Going to miss you Aunt Barbara. I will never forget our family coming down every year during Thanksgiving when I was younger to see you, Aunt Odean, and the rest of the family. You used to share so many stories, and I would sit there and listen to those stories. Those memories I will cherish forever, and will never forget.

Chris Dotson - November 27, 2023 at 08:48 PM

SB

“ Shirley Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson



Shirley Brown - November 27, 2023 at 10:14 AM

SB

Miss Dotson was such a kind person with such a beautiful Smile an over all the years she never forgot who you were. Rest on in the arms of our Dear Lord.

Shirley Brown - November 27, 2023 at 10:19 AM

DE

“ Aunt Barbara,
I know you have secured your place with the King and getting started with your heavenly duties.
I will never forget your kindness. You made me feel like a very special person when you carried me around Grandpa’s house when I visited you all many years ago. I will always remember that day.
You rest now. I will see you on the other side.
Love,
Darlene

Darlene Dotson Roberts EI - November 26, 2023 at 04:30 PM

VD

“ Aunt Barbara
I thank you for most of our happiest and eventful summer vacations that you shared throughout my lifetime as a child!! I will miss you but will think of you often!



Verlinda Dotson - November 26, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Missionary Barbara Dotson.



November 26, 2023 at 10:26 AM

KL

“ Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson



Katherine Lyons - November 26, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DT

“ Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. As a child growing up in Willis Temple C.O.G.I.C . I became acquainted with Missionary Dotson, oh how blessed I were to know the real meaning of a true Missionary, she was so enriched with knowledge and she always had such a willingness to assist. She were very articulate with her words, I remember her as a child she would get up and do the church announcements, and teach under the leadership of the late Pastor Alexander. My prayers are with her family and to all those loved her, she was a very wise Woman of God. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.

Debra Howard-Plano, TX - November 26, 2023 at 01:16 AM

KG

“ I'm gonna miss her sooo much! I called her "Momma" because when my dad (Deacon Robert M. Gatewood) passed away, he left his wife (my birth mom) and 9 children to cherish his memories. So Missionary Barbara Dotson was 1 of many that came in and helped my birth mom with her children. The Dotson family took us in under their wings. I was a baby. But I gotten so attached and started calling her Momma. WE all became family. Missionary Barbara taught me sooo much wisdom. I could never catch on to how she made her peach, pear, apples, chi chi, pickled tomatoes etc, etc, etc in a Glass Jar. She was a pro in gardening and growing their food. I remember her putting together Easter programs. She made sure the "GATEWOOD CHILDREN " Had their speeches eventhough I kept losing mines lol. Both Sisters made our clothes. My sister Stacy and I used to stay over their house during the summer. I remember her words "NOW KAREN YOU HAVE TO LIVE WHAT YOU SING ABOUT. YOU SEE IF YOU'RE SINGING TO DEVILS MUSIC THEN YOUR LIVE FOR THE DEVIL. OR IF YOU'RE SINGING GOSPEL SONGS THEN BABY YOU GOT TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE SO YOU CAN GO TO HEAVEN....." I took a hold of her wisdom and grasp on to them. I'm gonna miss my Godmother soooo much. No more pains and sleepless night. This hurts.



Karen Gatewood - November 25, 2023 at 10:10 PM

BF

“ I have known Missionary Dotson for many years. This is the first to hear of her passing. My heart is heavy. She was such a lively saint. But I want Missionary Odean and the family to know that you all are in my prayers. May God continue to bless and strengthen you.

Bobbie Fingers - November 25, 2023 at 07:00 PM

PA

“ Praying for the family during this difficult time.
Pastor Lincoln and Paulette Taylor



Paulette - November 25, 2023 at 06:01 PM

CA

“ Chari Pooh Agnew lit a candle in memory of
Missionary Barbara Dotson



Chari Pooh Agnew - November 25, 2023 at 04:13 PM

SH

“ Love me some Ms. Dotson, sometimes I
watched her class while she talked to a
parent, soft spoken but a strong black woman
who didn't play with her class. She said what
she meant. Ms. Dotson will be greatly missed.
She would let me work on my typing skills in a timed test. I couldn't
get pass 95 words a minute. Great teacher and a great co-worker.



Stella Hill-Winfrey - November 25, 2023 at 04:04 PM

AS

“ My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy 💔 To The
Family. The most Beautiful Honest Person
she will be Missed. She was a wonderful
Teacher.



Angela Ramey Smith - November 25, 2023 at 02:03 PM

FS

“ *Frank Shaw lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Frank Shaw - November 25, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Spearmon lit a candle in memory of Missionary Barbara Dotson*



Jeanette Spearmon - November 25, 2023 at 01:23 PM

DM

“ *“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.*



Sending condolences to the family of Barbara Dotson on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Barbara was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1965.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
MGNAAI President*

Delores Farr Morelon - MGNAAI - November 25, 2023 at 12:46 PM

BV

“ *Barbara was a SPECIAL person. She was as a sister to me, I loved her dearly.*
Beverly Henderson Vincent



Beverly Vincent - November 25, 2023 at 11:56 AM

CK

I remember Miss Dotson from school may she RIP 🙏

Constance King - November 25, 2023 at 02:53 PM

AH

The Dotson's family has my sympathy. Ms Dotson was one of my favorite teacher and an awesome neighbor .

Arthur Hunt - November 25, 2023 at 03:12 PM

RW

Lifting up Prayers for the Dotson Family.

Rene' Ward - November 28, 2023 at 12:26 PM