



## Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley

June 19, 1954 - December 24, 2024

Dorothea Jean Tinsley departed this life on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024, at Forrest City Medical Center.

She was born on June 19, 1954, in Mayfield, Ky. Dorothea was the only child of the late Asberry Dawson and Lula England Dawson. She graduated from Mayfield High School in 1971. Dorothea went on to attend Murray State University and was initiated into the Eta Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., in the fall of 1973.

Dorothea was married to Melvin Leroy Tinsley in 1977 and moved to Forrest City, shortly thereafter. To this union two sons were born, Nicholas Bradford and Christopher Blake.

Dorothea worked for the Forrest City School District for over 20 years in a number of administrative professional roles. She was beloved by students, parents, staff and administrators throughout her career.

Dorothea loved socializing and fellowshiping with family, sorors, friends and acquaintances in a variety of civic and social settings. Known for her humor, wit and charm, Dorothea leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength and cherished memories. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Dorothea is survived by her loving sons, Nicholas (LaRonda) and Christopher (Sarah); two grandchildren, Avery (granddaughter) and Alexander (grandson), and a host of family and friends.

A celebration of Dorothea's life will be held at a private memorial service in her hometown of Mayfield, Ky. In lieu of gifts of condolence, the family requests that donations be made to the Forrest City Area Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Money orders or cashier's checks can be mailed to: Forrest City Area Alumnae Chapter, P.O. Box 1216, Forrest City, AR 72336

Donations may be sent via the chapter's PayPal account ([fcaadst@gmail.com](mailto:fcaadst@gmail.com)). All donations are not tax deductible.

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ *My love always, been with me from the beginning. Rest on Godmother. I will love you forever* ☐.

Atrell Razor - January 18, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TG

“ *Tim Grady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley*



Tim Grady - January 13, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LW

“ *Lee Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley*



Lee Williams - January 13, 2025 at 05:42 AM



“ *Mrs. Tinsley played a major role in my life during school and I loved her dearly. My heart hurts for her family and I'm blessed to say I knew her and loved her!* ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏

Amber Shafer Wilson - January 10, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *Annette Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley*



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**Annette Bradley** - January 09, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ *Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley*



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - January 09, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *To her sons and family, sincere condolences to your family. My daughters loved Mrs. Tinsley, she was their cheerleader for encouragement. Praying for comfort and strength at this most difficult time 🙏*

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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - January 09, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *R.I.P Mrs. Tinsley*



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**Rosha Leak** - January 09, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JW

“ Jackie White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley



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**Jackie White** - January 08, 2025 at 09:55 PM

CC

“ My prayers and heart go out to her sons and the entire family. She will truly be missed especially her screaming “Hey ,Cheese!” ....R.I.Love, Ms. Tinsley!



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**Calandra Chatters-Henderson** - January 08, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BJ

“ Bobbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley



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**Bobbie Jones** - January 08, 2025 at 01:20 AM

KA

“ Kathy Atwater lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley



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**Kathy Atwater** - January 07, 2025 at 09:04 PM

LH

“ *Lovie A. Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley*



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**Lovie A. Hardrick** - January 07, 2025 at 07:25 PM

BB

*Very sweet and lovely person*

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**Bertha Bell** - January 08, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BW

“ *Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Jean Tinsley*



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**Bonnie Watson** - January 07, 2025 at 06:02 PM

SH

“ *I loved working with Dorothea at the school. I will miss talking to her when we see each other. Praying for the family. 🙏*



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**Stella Hill-Winfrey** - January 07, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BS

*Many Prayers for the entire family during this difficult time of your lives. God is able*

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**Barbara Ann Smith** - January 08, 2025 at 07:12 PM