



## Mrs. Dorothy Williams Chestnut

June 5, 1944 - April 30, 2023

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Dorothy Lee Chestnut was born June 5, 1944, to Willie Mae and Roosevelt Williams in Hicks, Arkansas. She departed her earthly life on April 30, 2023.

Dorothy Lee Chestnut graduated from M.M. Tate High School with the Class of 1963. She attended Phillips Community College in Helena, Arkansas. She was employed with the Gold Strike Casino Resort in the food and beverage operations.

She also was affiliated with the Boys and Girls Adult Community Development Center (BGACDC) at Marvell, Arkansas. Dorothy was well known for her crisply ironed clothes and neat appearance.

She confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized at an early age at the New Mt. Everett Missionary Baptist Church. She was united in holy matrimony with James Lee Bailey in July of 1986 in Marvell, Arkansas. On February 28, 2004 she united with Herschel Chestnut. Both of them preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her parents— Willie Mae and Roosevelt Williams;

a grandson—Christopher De'Wayne Nixon; brother— Emmett Hawkins; sons— Charles Chestnut, Andrew Chestnut, and Nolen Brown; daughters—Thelma Chestnut Palmer, Earlene Mason, Ruby Jean Speaks White; and sister—Lula Mae Nicholson.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children—Denetra Williams of Marvell, AR and Al Williams of Aubrey, TX; daughters she loved as her own—Bobbie Jean Chestnut (Roger) Dailey of Little Rock, AR, and Faye Jean Speaks Watkins of Phoenix, AZ; sons she loved as her own—Roy (Sharon) Chestnut of Chicago, IL, Herschel (Shirley) Chestnut of Little Rock, AR, and Marvin (Tijuana) Chestnut of Fayetteville, AR; sisters—Rosie Mae (Gilbert) Taylor and Ater B Dotson both of Marvell, AR, Joann Williams of Sherwood, AR; brothers—James (Thelma) Williams of Washington, DC and Rev. Dr. Clevester (Doris) Hawkins of Raleigh, NC; sister-in-law—Ollie Mae Stewart of St. Louis, MO; play sister—Daisy Frazier Jackson of Little Rock, AR; play brother—Rubin “Pete” (Wilma) Warren of Kansas City, MO; special friends—Thelma English of Marvell, AR, Laura Jean McCall of Lexa, AR, and Shirley Jarrett of Helena-West Helena, AR; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

It is up to each of us who knew her to keep her spirit in our hearts and her memory alive in our actions. Dorothy would have wanted it this way!

# Previous Events

## Visitation with a requirement of a face covering

MAY **12.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bob Neal & Sons - Brickell Chapel  
350 US 49  
Marvell , AR 72366

*Please contact Miles Mortuary office directly 870.633.1914.... We are only using Brickell Chapel for visitation only.*

## Service with a requirement of a face covering

MAY **13.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Grove M.B. Church  
4400 Highway 316 South  
Marvell, AR 72366

# Tribute Wall

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“ *May God Bless, Comfort, and Keep you Denetra (Punchie) and the rest of the Family during this difficult time. May His love give you peace and understanding.*

Sharon Robinson-Garrett - May 09, 2023 at 10:49 AM

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“ *The class of 1986 would like to extend our deepest condolences and prayers to Punchie and her family . May God surround you with his arms of comfort during these trying times . We are standing with you and praying for you all .*



Marcella Winston - May 09, 2023 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Shirley W. Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Williams Chestnut*



Shirley W. Thorn - May 08, 2023 at 11:01 PM