



Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams

November 17, 1929 - January 26, 2026

Condolences are being expressed to the family of Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams, age 96, who passed away on Monday, January 26, 2026, at Duke University Medical Center.

Dorothy Faust Williams was born November 17, 1929, to Willie R. Faust, Sr. and Helen Faust in Denmark, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her father, Willie R. Faust, Sr., mother, Helen Faust, and brother, Willie Faust, Jr.

She completed high school and Junior College at Voorhees in Denmark, S.C. In 1949, she attended Claflin College in Orangeburg, S.C. and graduated in 1951. She moved to Durham in 1966 and worshipped with Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1974, she became a member of Peace Missionary Baptist Church where she continued to serve the Lord until her health would not permit. There she served as the Directress of the children's choir, the Angels of Peace. Dorothy was a dedicated member to the Adult Women Sunday School Class and the Wednesday Noon-Day Bible Study Class. She was also a committed member of the Senior Choir and the Senior Missionary Circle.

Dorothy was an elementary teacher for many years with Orange County Public Schools. There she taught many students who loved her boundless patience, and her infectious enthusiasm for teaching. Her unwavering belief in

her students inspired generations to dream bigger, think deeper, and believe in themselves.

Dorothy was a member of numerous community organizations. She was also a member of the Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc.

She is survived by a host of relatives from the Johnson and Faust families, and a host of friends and colleagues. Dorothy was Godmother to Letitia Rainey Howard, D. Rashad Watters, and Grandmother to William S. Mitchell.

Her memory will be cherished and missed by all.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams are scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., visitation will be an hour prior to the service, at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 NC Highway 55, Durham, North Carolina 27713.

Interment will take place in Denmark, South Carolina.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

Peace Missionary Baptist Church
2608 NC Highway 55
Durham, NC 27713
<http://peacemissionary.org/>

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I have had the pleasure of expounding God's word with Ms Dot while she was at Hillcrest, every third Sunday I looked forward to hearing her wonderful voice,has she sang and praised God, with song. I will miss her dearly, Rest in peace .s. Dot. Evang. Janice Johnson.

Janice Johnson - February 15 at 03:26 PM

JP

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Dot by way of Hillcrest Convalescent Center for well over 7 years. I along with many staff members will truly miss spending time with her, sharing conversations and many laughs. Rest my dear friend.
Jackie Pinnix, Activities Director, MS, ADC
Hillcrest Convalescent Center

Jackie Pinnix - February 07 at 11:21 AM

KJ

“ Dot, I will miss your words, your humor, your smile and your mind. You have lived a good life. I am happy that I traveled to North Carolina to see you in your last years and to celebrate you. As you join the others that have gone before you, may your soul rest in peace. Love you



Kristel Johnson - February 07 at 09:04 AM

SM

“ The passing of my Beloved Cousin Dorothy Faust Williams has truly left a painful "Dot" in my heart. She will be truly missed, and the many decades of fond family memories we shared will forever be cherished. God blessed her with 96 wonderful years, and she lived them to the fullest, guided by God. Take your rest, Cousin Dot, until we meet again. Much Love, -Shonga Faust McKenzie 🙏🕊️



Shonga Faust McKenzie - February 07 at 06:24 AM

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Shonga Faust McKenzie - February 07 at 06:25 AM

TC

“ My sincere condolences to the Faust and Williams families. Ms. Dot's lifelong bond with my mother, Zelma, was a blessing, and I pray that God's peace and comfort surround your family during this time of sorrow. Theresa Counts-Davis (formerly of Denmark, S.C.)

Theresa Counts-Davis - February 05 at 09:36 PM

CW

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time. 🙏❤️

Cynthia Watkins - February 04 at 08:25 PM

MC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Williams family! From the Sorors of Chi Chapter.



Mary Hinton; Chaplain Chi Chapter - February 04 at 10:42 AM

JH

“ What a life blessing to be on earth for 96 years!
Your smile and laughter will always be missed at our family reunions. We love you, but God loves you best ! Love You, The Johnsons

Jimmie Harrison - February 03 at 08:46 PM

KW

“ Condolences to the family and praying for your peace. May she Rest In Paradise.

McMichael Family

Karen Whitney - February 03 at 08:45 PM

PS

“ Pamela Humphrey Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams



Pamela Humphrey Stokes - February 03 at 07:59 PM

DP

“ Sending love and prayers in honor of our Beloved Soror Dorothy Williams. For a life well-lived, Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. thanks you for your dedication and leadership over your many years of service.



Dr. Dolores Paylor - February 03 at 06:42 PM

JS

“ Johnson Family from Blackville, SC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams.



Johnson Family from Blackville, SC - February 03 at 04:51 PM

JF

“ Janice Livingston and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams.



Janice Livingston and Family - February 03 at 04:23 PM

RT

“ In loving memory of my second mom, Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams. I love and will miss you dearly. 💔



Retha Tuck - February 02 at 07:15 PM

TD

“ *Thaddeus L Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy F. Williams*



Thaddeus L Daniels - February 02 at 10:02 AM

DM

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family of this jewel Mrs. Dorothy “Dot” Williams. It was a blessing to have been her caregiver through her years at Hillcrest. Her wisdom will be left behind for years to come. In her words “ child this old hen is falling apart.” Now Mrs. Dot you are put back together better than ever. I’ll cherish our memories, love you forever, and look forward to seeing you again in heaven.*



Demeka McLean - January 31 at 10:13 AM

TM

Rest in heavenly peace Mama Dorothy . Definitely will be missed. It was a pleasure to have been able to care for you. We love you sleep in paradise 💕

Tkeyah Moore - February 01 at 06:39 PM



In Loving Remembrance of Dorothy Williams (“Dot”)

Dorothy Williams—affectionately known as Dot—transitioned at the remarkable age of 96, leaving behind a legacy of love, warmth, and quiet greatness. Dot was, in her lifetime, one of the most tremendous people you could ever meet. To know her was to feel seen, encouraged, and genuinely cared for.

Dot shared a beautiful friendship with my late mother, (Annie Ruth Grimes), one rooted in laughter, loyalty, and adventure. Together, they traveled to Jamaica to visit me—a journey that became one of the most inspirational and adventurous experiences of my mother’s life. That trip reflected everything Dot embodied: curiosity, courage, joy, and an openness to life that never faded with age.

Dot was, without question, one of the best elementary school teachers to ever exist. Her impact reached far beyond the classroom; she shaped minds, nurtured hearts, and planted seeds of confidence and kindness that undoubtedly flourished for generations. Teaching was not just her profession—it was her calling.

Even during her convalescent years, Dot remained herself—gracious, loving, and full of light. Her gentle spirit and beautiful personality never wavered. She showed us all how to age with dignity, strength, and unwavering love.

We extend our deepest condolences to Dot’s family, her dear friends, her church family, and all other relatives and loved ones who were blessed to share life with her.

May you find comfort in the countless memories, the lives she touched, and the enduring legacy of love she leaves behind.

We love you, Dot. ^L_{SEP} You will be deeply missed and forever

remembered. [L
SEP]

*May your soul rest in power.
Peace and Blessings /Gloria Walters*



gloria walters - January 30 at 02:32 PM

BG

“ *In loving memory of Dorothy F. Williams, who was my inspiration from the very first day that I met her at Hillcrest Convalescent Center. No matter what was going on in her life, "Ms. Dot," as I affectionately called her, could ALWAYS find a reason to laugh and "cut up." We shared many endearing moments together; one of the most recent, was in celebration of her 96th birthday. Only God knew that would be our last time together. "Ms. Dot was so dearly loved. She will be so sadly missed. May her spirit rest in peace, now. Rev. Beverly H. Graham*



Beverly Graham - January 30 at 09:58 AM