



Dorothy Elizabeth Southall

August 19, 1949 - March 3, 2019

Dorothy Southall was born to the late Elmer Southall, Sr. and Vera Southall on August

19, 1949, in Portsmouth, Virginia.

She attended Portsmouth Public School system and graduated from I. C. Norcom High School. She received her Associate Degree from Tidewater Community College in Early Childhood Development.

Dorothy was employed and retired from Portsmouth City Social Service Department. One of her favorite past time was entertaining her family, friends and church family as an alter ego Christian comedienne. Her comedic character was known as 'Dottie If I' and her motto was, "You can have fun, but do it in the name of the Lord."

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ was baptized and became a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and served in many ministries. Much of her love and work for the Lord involved serving on the Adult Usher Board, Shepherd Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Women's Fellowship, Food Pantry Ministry, working as a Sunday school teacher, Choir member, Exercise class Fitness Instructor, and coordinator for the children Usher Ministry for many years. Her passion included supporting the elderly, and as the organizer of this group of women known as "Christian

Workers for Christ," they visited local nursing homes and the sick and shut in of the church to encourage and help uplift them spiritually.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory her loving son Michael Vaughan, his special friend Felicia Crique, her long time special friend Gerald Steward, and 13 siblings Elmer Southall Jr. Chesapeake, James Southall (Gloria) Norfolk, Florence Nipper, Suffolk, Vera Edwards (Wendell) Chesapeake, Jeanette Cooke (George) Portsmouth, Joseph Southall, Portsmouth, Wilbert Southall (Barbara) Suffolk, George Southall (Margaret) Portsmouth, David Southall (Cassandra) Norfolk, Calvin Southall (Renee) Surry, Howard Southall (Lola) Suffolk, Lelia Blackmore, Portsmouth and John Southall, Suffolk. One Aunt Margaret Moore and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
3310 Deep Creek Blvd.
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 07, 2019 at 02:16 PM

BW

A beautiful soul is now resting. Dorothy will truly be missed. Was someone I admired from way back when... Blessings to the family 🙏❤️ RIHeaven Dorothy 😊🎈

Barbara Weathers - March 07, 2019 at 08:25 PM

TJ

I was so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. We worked together at London Fog coat factory. She was full of laughter and just a joyful person in every situation. I loved to hear her laugh. It has been years since I've seen her.but I will never forget her. Rest Dorothy Elizabeth in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You are missed.

Thomasine Rawls Jones - March 07, 2019 at 09:34 PM

GR

My husband and I send our condolences to the family. Dorothy was a caring loving person. She will truly be missed.

Gertie Rodgers - March 07, 2019 at 10:33 PM

DW

TO THE SOUTHHALL FAMILY, OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU!!!!!! I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE TIME AND CONVERSATIONS THAT I HAVE HAD WITH DOROTHY!!!! WE WILL ALL MISS HER MUCH!!!! OUR CONTINUOUS PRAYERS WILL BE WITH YOU!!!!!! ANOTHER ANGEL RECEIVING HER CROWN!!!! 😭

Dolores A. Wilkins - March 08, 2019 at 07:27 PM



My condolences to Dorothy's family. Dorothy was such a beautiful person, positive and always guaranteed to bring a smile to your face and if you were in need of prayer she was always willing to pray with you she's going to be missed.

Toya Daniels Turner - March 08, 2019 at 07:31 PM

BG

My deepest sympathy to Michael, Gerald and the Southall family. It's so hard to write this because it's still so hard to believe. Dorothy you were more than a friend, but like a sister. I will truly miss you. All the fun, praying, shopping, talking and vacation times together. I love you, will continue to be there for Michael, and I will see you again. Rest my beautiful friend in the arms of Jesus!

Barbara Godfrey - March 11, 2019 at 12:13 AM

DW

“ *Dolores A. Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Dolores A. Wilkins - March 08, 2019 at 07:35 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smith lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Mary Smith - March 08, 2019 at 10:22 AM

RT

“ *Reta Richardson Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Reta Richardson Taylor - March 07, 2019 at 11:27 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Cross lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Barbara Cross - March 07, 2019 at 11:23 PM

RT

“ We grew up together in the same neighborhood and in Mt. Carmel Baptist church in the children’s choir, the children’, Junior usher board, the Angelic choir and Tabernacle choirs. We attended Bsptist training Union under the leadership of Ms Louise Herring. The times we shared together were phenomenal. Her smile and laughter were infectious.

There were many fun times together with the Southall family and many others. Dorothy directed the choir.

I must say we had a lot of fun times together. I thought about her recently and sld, I’m going to call her. Well I missed my opportunity, which is a lesson for me.

I am happy to know that she has transitioned from this earthly life for to be absen from the body is to be present with the Lord. My condolences to the entire Southall family. Sending love and prayers to each of you.

*Reta Richardson Taylor
Phoenix Arizona*

Reta Richardson Taylor - March 07, 2019 at 11:14 PM

GR

“ Gertie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall



Gertie Rodgers - March 07, 2019 at 10:28 PM

MA

“ *Marjorie lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Marjorie - March 07, 2019 at 01:14 PM

MA

“ *Ms. Dorothy used to warm up our exercise group on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It was always a pleasure for me to see her sunny smile and her funny antics. She has a beautiful spirit and a loving soul. She will be missed, but not forgotten. -_- Marjorie W.*

Marjorie - March 07, 2019 at 01:12 PM

DB

“ *I volunteered at Hodges Manor Elementary when Dorothy was an aide there. She was excellent with the children and a good friend. My heart goes out to her family, especially her son who she talked about quite frequently. Doris Bookman*

Doris Bookman - March 07, 2019 at 11:36 AM

JW

“ *Jasper Walton lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Jasper Walton - March 06, 2019 at 09:27 PM

SS

“ *A very good friend you will truly be missed.*



Sheila Scott - March 06, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall.*



March 06, 2019 at 08:26 PM

LP

“ *To the family of Dorothy Southall I'm sorry to hear of her passing lighting a candle in her honor.*



Linnea Palmer - March 06, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 06, 2019 at 05:00 PM



I will truly miss you my dear cousin. Love you always. Rest now in the arms of Jesus until we meet again.

Sandra Smith Forrest (cousin) - March 07, 2019 at 08:28 AM



Our prayers are with the Southhall family in your time of sorrow, may the God of love be with you and the family. Elder Charles & Barbara Williams

Elder Williams - March 07, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the Southhall family.
Peter and Natasha Singleton
"Peter, Class of 67"*

Peter Singleton - March 06, 2019 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ *Kim Southall lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall*



Kim Southall - March 06, 2019 at 08:17 AM

DC

“ *I knew Dorothy in high school. She was a really nice person and I liked her. In fact, she was liked by everyone. I am sad that she has passed and hope to see her again in the here after.*

Dorothy Black Caldwell

Dorothy B Caldwell - March 06, 2019 at 12:40 AM

TH

“ *My sincere condolences to The Southall Family. May the God of Comfort provide the needed support and strength during this difficult time. May Dorothy rest in peace and past memories be fondly remembered.*

THC - March 05, 2019 at 07:31 PM

EH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Southall family in the passing of your love one. May God bless each and everyone of you during this trying time.*

*Ethelyn Whitehead Holley
I.C.Norcom Class of 1969*



Ethelyn Whitehead Holley - March 05, 2019 at 06:56 PM

LS

“ Dorothy Southall had a beautiful spirit, she was my co worker at PDSS. And I will truly miss Ms. Southall. She always was so fun to be around and she was a very helpful person. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.
Always Loretta Smith

loretta smith - March 05, 2019 at 04:35 PM

RS

“ Alton and I are at a loss for words due to the passing of his first cousin, Dorothy Southall. We will always cherish her concern for Alton when he became ill in 2017. Dorothy always called, even to the hospital, when he was there for many days. Her retirement celebration at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will always bring us laughter. Dorothy was a character that day and really showed out with her acting abilities. Rest on Dorothy. We will see you again one day.
Love,
Your Cousins
Alton and Regina Long Southall

Regina Long Southall - March 05, 2019 at 11:19 AM

RC

“ Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Dorothy aka 'Dot', as she was lovingly called by some. I cannot begin to share in words, the love and affection we feel for Dorothy. She has been a light in my life ever since I was a little girl in Truxton. Her bubbly personality became even more evident as I became a young woman, and she added joy and laughter to every situation we were involved in!! Our family Thanksgivings in Maryland with Dorothy would always be exceptional because we knew she would bring the humor. :) Dorothy is a very special part of our family and she will definitely leave a void. BUT, because she had such strong faith and belief in her Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, our void will be filled with her beautiful memories and joy in knowing she is in her Heavenly Home at peace! There will always be a smile in the midst of the tears! We love you Dorothy, and always will!!!

Renee' Caesar-Clark - March 05, 2019 at 08:15 AM

RC

“ Renee' Caesar-Clark lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Southall



Renee' Caesar-Clark - March 05, 2019 at 08:05 AM