



## Dallas W. Tatum (Woodrow)

December 6, 1927 - November 5, 2018

Mother Dallas W. Tatum was born December 6, 1927, in Wiggins, MS, to the late Andrew and Betty Woodrow. She was one of ten children. Mother Tatum accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. She loved the Lord with all her heart, and served the Kingdom of God faithfully for many years. Mother Tatum received her primary and secondary education in Lamar County Mississippi and entered into holy matrimony with the late Rev. Morris Tatum, January 11, 1947. From this union she was blessed with two children; Gloria J. Tatum (White), and the late Deacon Artis W. Tatum.

Mother Tatum moved from Mississippi to New York in the 1950s to eventually settle in Westchester County, NY until relocating to Dover DE with her daughter and son-in-law 2013. While in New York, Mother Tatum worked for many years in various capacities to support her family, including a grandson whom she raised as her own (Artis Dwayne Morris). She was known for her immense community service, especially to the village of Ossining, NY. Mother Tatum was a true pillar to her family and community, affectionately known as the MATRIACH among her children and grands.

Mother Tatum was known for her vast knowledge of World and Biblical history; she was dedicated to expanding her knowledge about world affairs and was a strong student of the Bible. She attended Bible School in Westchester County. Mother Tatum's love for education influenced her children to embrace a

passion for learning as well.

Though Mother Tatum was close to many in her community, she held a very special bond with her daughter, Gloria White. The bond they shared was evident to all around them. They both made very sure they always lived in close proximity to each other; spending nearly every holiday together and speaking each and every day. As her years advanced, Mother Tatum was affectionately cared for by her daughter until her departure.

Mother Tatum was known for her cooking and hospitality. She opened her home up to anyone she felt she could help. She made everyone feel welcome and would always greet you with a hearty “HEY” as you entered her door. She was known for her cooking skills throughout the community and was sought after to provide a home cooked meal and plenty of laughs to whomever was visiting. Her love for people drove her to serve for over twenty years as a bible teacher for the infamous Sing-Sing prison in Ossining, NY where she led many souls to Christ through her relevant and straight-forward teaching to inmates.

For her service and accomplishments, she has received many awards over the years including:

- . Several State of New York Department of correctional services awards
- . Merritt award from the Open Door as a Broad Member
- . Several awards from the Ossining Children Center
- . Teacher of the Bible Way World Wide Church
- . Westchester Community Opportunity Program for Foster Grandmother

- . President's call to service award and civil participation from President George W. Bush
  
- . Susan Brewster Eisenmann outstanding community service award and leadership in the Ossining community
  
- . Outstanding Bible teacher Sing Sing Correctional Facility Chapel of the Redeemer
  
- . Show cased in the young film makers chronicle, in senior on screen, called Unscripted
  
- . Awarded for ministerial and family service
  
- . Awarded Hall of Fame for Mothers

Mother Tatum was preceded in death by her beloved son Artis Tatum along with several siblings: Annie L. Taylor, Arlinda Jackson, Olivia Wilks, Lucille McCall, Ethel Deas, John L. Woodrow, and Isaac Woodrow. She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved daughter Gloria J. (Wallace) White, daughter-in-law Cathy (Artis) Tatum one sister Mother Helen Williams, nine grandchildren Dwayne Morris, Meiko (Terrell) Martin, Terrence (Tremecia) Tatum, Akellea Tatum, Jeffrey White, Eric (Tasha) White, Ronald (Ramona) White, Brian White, and Leslie Dallas White. Mother Tatum had eighteen great grandchildren, one great-great grandson, and a host of relatives and friends including Carrie Filder whom she loved as her own daughter and an adopted granddaughter Shakisha Collins.

We know Mother's living was not in vain and she has transitioned into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We cannot write her life story

because there simply isn't enough room. She lived her life to the fullest and her life was truly an adventure; traveling to five out of seven continents. Her motto was "If I can help somebody then my living will not be in vain". Job well done Mother Tatum, you have left this world a better place. Though our pain is great, we rejoice in knowing that you are at rest with Christ our King.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

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“ I\’m so sorry for your loss. May your precious memories of Dallas W. Tatum and your time together help you through this time of sorrow and you can find strength in God\’s loving promise at( Isaiah 41: 10.)

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**JoyceA** - November 08, 2018 at 03:15 PM

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“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.

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**Irene** - November 08, 2018 at 12:56 PM