



Doretha Patricia Collins

March 21, 1944 - June 5, 2023

Obituary

Doretha Patricia Washington-Collins departed this life on Monday, June 5, 2023, in Easton, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late William Lee Washington and Dorena Frances Aldridge-Washington. She was born on March 21, 1944, in Easton, Maryland. As a child, she loved to play ball, games, checkers, marbles, and old maid cards. She also enjoyed singing songs and having lots of fun with her brothers, sisters, and cousins. Doretha received her education in Dorchester County and graduated with the Class of 1962, Maces Lane High School in Cambridge, Maryland.

Doretha was united in marriage to Thomas (Tom) M. Collins Sr. of Exmore, Virginia on November 24, 1962, and they have two sons, Thomas Collins Jr., and Gary Collins. Tom and Doretha shared sixty years of marriage with a long-lasting love for each other. Doretha began employment with Rob Roy Sewing Factory and moved on to employment at Western Publishing Company in Cambridge, Maryland and remained there until retiring with 40 years of dedicated service. Doretha later worked part-time at Walmart in Easton, Maryland until her health began to fail.

Doretha was an active member of Hurlock United Methodist Church where she served as an usher and sang in the choir with her husband Tom, her

sister Barbara and brother-in-law, William Collins. She loved reading novels, doing crossword puzzles, and taking trips to various places. Doretha dressed like a queen in whatever she wore, from her dresses, suits, hats, heels, coats, and jewelry.... everything would match from head to toe. Tom and Doretha loved to coordinate their outfits for any event they attended. They were members of the Maces Lane High School Alumni and each year they both looked forward to the Annual Maces Lane All Class Reunion. It was a three-day event that they enjoyed attending being well-dressed for it each year.

Doretha is survived by her husband Thomas Collins Sr.; two sons Thomas Collins Jr. (Angela) of Hurlock, Maryland and Gary Collins Sr. (Laura) of East New Market, Maryland; four sisters, Barbara Collins (William Sr.) of Hurlock, Maryland, Diana Harrison (Tyrone) of Laguna Hills, California, Virginia Washington (Maurice) of Hurlock, Maryland and Geraldine Petty (Oscar) of Dover, Delaware; six grandchildren, Gary Collins Jr. and Shaquna Pinkett (Michael) of East New Market, Maryland, Candice White (James) of Roswell, Georgia, James Lake (Jalessa) of Lynchburg, Virginia, Travis Collins (Shaqueta) of Felton, Delaware, Brianna Wilcox of Hurlock, Maryland, and fifteen great-grandchildren; Aunt Marybell Sample of Virginia; sisters-in-law Geneva Thomas of Harmony, Maryland, Patsy Collins and Beverly Collins of Hurlock, Maryland. She is also survived by a special niece, Sylvia Collins, of Baltimore, Maryland and a special nephew, William Collins Jr. of Hurlock, Maryland and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends. Doretha is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Isadore Aldridge and Floyd Donald Aldridge, and a special cousin, Gerald Aldridge.

Lovingly submitted the Family

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurlock United Methodist Church
502 South Main Street
Hurlock, MD 21643

Funeral Service

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I read today that Doretha had passed. I was so sorry to see that. I remember her from Western, where we worked together all those years. She was a very nice lady and was always helpful when I went to her Department (FAD). I also remember how much we enjoyed the Christmas dinner and dances. Doretha was also very good on the dance floor. My sorrow goes out to her family. Marie Greenhawk

Marie - July 21, 2023 at 09:29 PM

LA

“ To Tom and family sorry to hear your Mom pass I am praying for your family I work with Tom at DsSmith



Lavern - June 16, 2023 at 05:42 PM

LT

“ Sending our prayers and condolences to Tom and the rest of the family!



Lavern, Travon, Tenecia - June 16, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SC

“ *Serena A Carr lit a candle in memory of Doretha Patricia Collins*



Serena A Carr - June 15, 2023 at 04:47 PM

FT

“ *Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Doretha Patricia Collins*



Faith Tull-Church - June 15, 2023 at 01:34 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Stanley Pauls lit a candle in memory of Doretha Patricia Collins*



Geraldine Stanley Pauls - June 15, 2023 at 11:57 AM

GP

I will always remember Doretha in high school and beyond with her sweet calm spirit and a smile that would melt your heart.

Geraldine Stanley Pauls - June 15, 2023 at 11:58 AM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bolden lit a candle in memory of Doretha Patricia Collins*



Sylvia Bolden - June 14, 2023 at 02:40 PM

ES

“ *Evan. Mary Elliott- Stanley lit a candle in memory of Doretha Patricia Collins*



Evan. Mary Elliott- Stanley - June 14, 2023 at 09:55 AM

DC

“ *Sending Sincere Condolences to the Collins Families. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Allan & Debbie Collins*

Debbie Collins - June 13, 2023 at 07:32 PM

FH

“ *I light this candle in memory of Doretha Collins* 🌹 🌹



Francine Harris - June 13, 2023 at 03:23 PM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss. A wonderful, beautiful person. Worked with Doretha at Western Publishing. Condolences 🙏 and prayers for the family. May God continue to keep you and strengthen you. Denise W. Palmer



Denise Palmer - June 13, 2023 at 02:39 PM

OH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful love one Doretha. We grew up playing together. I remember with fondness the games we played with her sister and Gerald at my grandmothers house. May she rest in peace.

Olia Mae Hopkins

Olia M. Hopkins - June 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM

BF

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Doretha



Bowens Family - June 13, 2023 at 10:25 AM