



## Doretha Jennings

April 23, 1946 - June 28, 2020

Doretha Ann Cook Weeks Jennings, daughter of Samuel L. Murray and Argiletta M. Batson, was born in Easton, Maryland, on Tuesday, April 23, 1946. She peacefully departed this earthly life on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Doretha was educated in the Caroline County School System, where she attended and graduated from Lockerman High School June 1964. She moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania right after high school. She was employed with the Delaware County Memorial Hospital for three years. She would later work for the Insurance Company of North America, for 13 years, and finally ended her career with the Department of Defense (Army). Doretha met her first husband, Benjamin Weeks, who preceded her in death, while working at Delaware County Memorial Hospital, in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

Doretha accepted Christ as her personal Savior, at an early age, at Ross Chapel A.M.E. Church, in Preston, Maryland. She was an active member and enjoyed singing and doing other various things in the church. She also attended regular services at Victory Deliverance Church, in Newark, Delaware.

From an early age, Doretha had a strong desire to join the military. She followed in the footsteps of her male family members, and joined the Army Reserves in March, 1975, at the age of 27. Her love for the military kept her

fully engaged for 33 years, serving in a dual capacity of Reservist and the Civilian Department of Defense employee. She retired from the 485th Chemical Battalion at age 60, as a Master Sergeant, when she could no longer stay. She loved helping soldiers and took great pride in being a God-loving pillar of strength to many who crossed her path and was at her best doing just that. Doretha held positions as a Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, HHD Commander and Senior Staff Administrator. She exhibited outstanding leadership, professionalism, initiative and dedication, along with a sincere concern for the welfare of soldiers, civilians and their families. Her legacy at the 485th can be summarized in one word– SOILDER! Her vision of the soldier was not just of one individual, but involved a team concept, a strong love for her country and the soldiers that protected it.

Through her involvement with the military, Doretha later met her beloved husband, Robert L. Jennings, who was also in the Army at that time. They were wed in holy matrimony on January 14, 2004.

In 2010, Doretha joined the Lockerman School Association, Inc. and served as assistant treasurer and later treasurer, until her health no longer permitted it.

Doretha was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel Leonard Murray.

Doretha leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 16 years, Robert; two sons, Benjamin Weeks (Monica) and Brandon Cook, both of Philadelphia, PA; mother, Argiletta Batson of Middletown, DE; father, Samuel L. Murray (Lillian) of Miami Gardens, FL; eight brothers and sisters, Brenda Parker of Philadelphia, PA, Kathryn Williams of Miami, FL, Joanne Brewton, of Pembroke Pines, FL, William Murray of Miami, FL, Gordon Murray (Judene) of Biscayne Gardens, FL, Theresa Solis (Rubin) of Hong Kong, Gina Murray-Lanier (Tracey) of Covington, GA and Dallas Matthews (Dovie) of Cambridge,

MD; two sisters-in-law, Angie Jennings of Columbia, SC and Doretha Smith of Stanford, CT; two uncles, Melvin Cook (Barbara) of Middletown, DE and Louis Batson (Rosalie) of Seaford DE; one granddaughter, Robin Weeks; one great grandson, Karter Johnson; 10 godchildren; and a host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews and cousins as well as a multitude of friends

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Lockerman High School Class of 1964 - July 13, 2020 at 09:28 PM

CY

“ I miss you already my dear cousin. Have a well deserved peaceful rest.

Cynthia - July 13, 2020 at 08:31 PM

SF

“ With loving memories of "Doretha Jennings",

Steven Cook and Family - July 13, 2020 at 10:39 AM

CB

“ To my family, I love you all each and everyone This is that time that we are never prepared Family this is a burden that we all must share However as long as we remember our beloved Dorothea will never be gone. Our thoughts, love and memories will help her live on. Cousin: Crystal Baynard-Norman

Crystal Baynard-norman - July 10, 2020 at 07:26 PM

CS

“ I will miss our talks and text on earth but I will remember your smile and light as a part of the universe. Peace family I love you all

Crystal Baynard-Norman & Sons - July 10, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Peace, Prayers and Blessings,*

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**The Browns & The Mosleys** - July 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Blessings and Condolences to the Jennings Family From the members of the 157 SIB / 233 QM!*

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**1St Sgt Langley, MSgt DeLoatch And SSgt May** - July 09, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JS

“ *I will miss you sending me beautiful text about our God rest In peace my cousin you told me you love me and I love you also you will be sadly missed but rest my cousin in Gods hand .....Jacqueline*

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**Jacqueline Simmons** - July 07, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ *"Doretha Jennings" brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget him/her!*

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**Jacqueline Simmons and family** - July 07, 2020 at 02:35 PM