



## Dorothy Mae Dredden (DeShields)

September 11, 1925 - November 24, 2019

Dorothy Mae Deshields Dredden, was born September 11, 1925. She departed this life on November 24, 2019, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by family. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Hagar Washington Deshields.

Dorothy received her early education at Concord #216C, a segregated school for “colored” children. She worked various jobs including, factory work at Delany’s in Bridgeville, Delaware. She earned her certified nursing certificate in the early eighties and worked as a private CNA at the Methodist Manor House in Seaford, Delaware, until her retirement.

Dorothy was a faithful member at Refuge Temple Revival Center, in Seaford, Delaware, under the leadership of the late Apostle Leon Williams and current pastor, Ethel Williams, for approximately 50 years. While there she served as an usher. She also served in other areas of the ministry.

Dorothy enjoyed putting puzzles together; the more pieces, the better! She loved needlepoint crocheting, crabbing, fishing, taking trips to Cowtown in New Jersey, spending time with family and friends, working in her yard and taking her grands to the Delaware State Fair every summer. She was a woman of prayer and loved the word of God. She especially enjoyed going to church and praising and worshipping God. On any given day, you could stop

by her home and she would have TBN blaring in the background! Her favorite saying was, "It's all about my Jesus!" She was always willing to give and serve whenever and however she could.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Hagar Washington Deshields; in laws, Herman and Pearl Jackson; son, Hayward Dredden Sr.; daughters, Janie Mae Dredden, Jo Ann Pickney, Peggy Ann Dredden; siblings, David, Norman and Frederick Deshields, Hazel Smith, and Frances Deshields; grandchildren, Ebony Dickerson, Freeman Carter Jr., Kevin Dredden, James "BJ" and Joshua Dickerson.

She leaves to cherish her memories, son, Robert Dredden Sr. (Patsy); daughters, Estella Carter and Darlene Dredden; grandchildren she raised as her own, Eric, Tokita, and James Dredden (Carmen); grandchildren, Darrell Dredden (Savann), Robert Dredden (Constance), Tamela Duffy (Charles), Steven Carter, Natalie Soriano (Anthony); brother, Randolph Deshields (Blanche); sister, Shirley Tingle; a special niece to whom she was very close, Maria Deshields; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom was an extraordinary woman that loved people and God. Remembering as a teenager this time of the year with mom and dad we would all go into the woods to get twigs, holly, pine cones, and berries. Dad went to the hardware store and purchased the wire and the poles. That was a time of joy and laughter because when we went home they taught us how to make our very own wreaths. Dad would get a tall pole that would hold 100 wreaths and when we were done they sold them. Those times were very good memories that I will never forget. A few years ago I was teasing mom about going into the woods again and make some more wreaths? It tickled me because mom was never afraid of anything, crawling or walking. She replied: no indeed you will never get me in the woods picking nothing in these times, they might take her for a deer or something. I have so many good memories and golden nuggets of her that all I have to do is think of them and that gives me such joy. It was only a few months when we would talk on the phone for one and two hours talking about only us and God. She always had scriptures in her mouth and gave God all the praise. I have no doubt in my heart that she is dancing with the Father. Thank you, mom, for leaving me so many great memories of you.

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