



## Dorothy Mae Russum

February 27, 1940 - January 21, 2019

Dorothy Mae Russum was born on February 27, 1941, to her anxiously-waiting parents: Maude Nixon Batts and John Larkin Batts. She answered the call of her Heavenly Father and quietly departed this life on Monday, January 21, 2019, at Bay Health Kent General Hospital, Dover, DE. She was 77 years old.

Dot, as she was lovingly called, received her education in the Brooklyn, New York School systems, including PS27 Elementary School, John Marshall Junior High School and Clara Barton High School. Her primary places of employment were with Black Pearl Car Service as a dispatcher and at Kirby Vacuum Cleaner as a phone solicitor.

In 1955, Dot met the man who was to become the love of her life, Charles Russum, Sr., and, in July, 1978, she married Charles in Baltimore, Maryland. To that union, God blessed them with a son, Charles Dabney. In addition, from her previous marriage to William Dabney, Dorothy was blessed with two other beautiful children, Henry William Batts and Denise "Niecy" Dabney.

Friends and family alike would agree that Dot was a kind-hearted person who would give her last to someone in need. Because of that wonderful characteristic, she loved crocheting baby blankets that she often gave to the Maternity Ward at Kent General Hospital and to Mom's House, both in Dover.

She especially loved family gatherings. She also very much enjoyed making and sending greeting cards to people on the sick and shut-in list at Calvary and to friends and family. Among a few other skills she had, Dot never met a camera she didn't like, as she loved taking photos of family and friends. She also thoroughly enjoyed cooking and finding someone to taste her newest creations. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, until her health declined and did not allow her to attend any longer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her 3 brothers, Harlee Bates, Joseph Batts, and James Batts; a son, Henry William Batts; a sister, Ruth Nixon; a mother-in-law, Lillian Russum; a father-in-law, Fred Russum; 2 brothers-in-law, Donnie Russum and Alfred DeShields; a daughter-in-law, Deborah Tracy Dabney; and two grandchildren, Shawanna Dabney and Niara Russum.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Charles Russum, Marydel, DE; her daughter, Denise Dabney (Arthur Burney, Sr.), Brooklyn, NY; a son, Charles Dabney, Acworth, GA; 15 grandchildren, Kawan, Lavar, Sharida, Arthur, Iyana, Taya, Tatiana, LaVaughn, Tamia, Lloyd, Larry, Marie, Danny, Anthony, and Frankie; 29 Great-grandchildren; 6 sisters-in-law, Gloria Russum, Del City, OK; Virginia Bates, Hempstead, Long Island, NY; Pearl "Sis" DeShields, Gerol Jackson and Gloria DeShields, all of Philadelphia, PA and Marlenea Salmu, Honolulu, Hawaii; a brother-in-law, Earl DeShields, Philadelphia, PA; a special daughter-in law, Alverais "Tank" Brooks-Fisher, Concord, NC; a god-daughter, Andrea Riggins, New York, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Dear Charles and family, I am so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. She was a wonderful woman who brightened everyone's day whenever they came in contact with her, especially mine!! she will be truly missed . My sincere condolences to you and your family  
Dr Horn

Brian Horn - February 01, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. We are near the time when God will take action to restore peace and everlasting life to obedient humankind. God promises: I will change their mourning into exultation, and I will comfort them and make them rejoice away from their grief. Jeremiah 31:13-17. The Bible, gives us true hope for the dead and consolation for the living. Ms Woodson

January 31, 2019 at 01:52 PM

BG

“ May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. Love and Prayers to all.

Bruce Grant and Sonia Shockley Grant - January 31, 2019 at 08:54 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - January 28, 2019 at 10:44 AM

JO

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until God\u2019s promise is fulfilled at Isaiah 41:10.

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**joyceA** - January 24, 2019 at 02:36 PM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 25:8 for words of comfort and peace.

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**Irene** - January 24, 2019 at 01:50 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of Dorothy. Please find comfort in the words of John 5:28, 29: "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."

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**Phyllis Watson** - January 23, 2019 at 08:10 AM