



# Dorothy Virginia Ryder

January 23, 1925 - October 14, 2024

## DOROTHY'S JOURNEY

Dorothy Virginia Ryder peacefully departed this life on October 14, 2024 after 99 years and 9 months of spreading love and joy on this earth. She was born to the late James Reid and Eula Burton Reid on January 23, 1925 in Salisbury Maryland. She met and married the late Oliver Lawrence Ryder and to this union seven children were born.

Dorothy found God early in life, learning and growing in her faith at First Baptist Church. She was educated in the Wicomico County Public School System. Later she was employed at Sunshine Laundry and Purity Bacon until her retirement. After retirement, she proudly served as part of the SHORE UP! Inc. Foster Grandparent Program, where she spent many hours reading to and spending time with special needs children at the Holly Center. For many years she was a staple at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club where she could be seen cheering on her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighborhood children in many sporting events.

Affectionately and lovingly called Mom, Granny, Sister, Aunt Sissy, Aunt Dorothy, Ms. Dorothy or Ms. Ryder, she would not hesitate to take in a stray person or animal and make them part of her family. She would give her last, sharing love, food, her home, or words of wisdom and encouragement to

anyone who needed it. Dorothy loved her kids, family, and sports, especially football. She was passionate about the Baltimore Ravens, Kobe Bryant, and if you messed with her grandkids, there would be a price to pay. She graced us with her bubbly personality, witty sense of humor, glowing smile and all the love she could give for nearly 100 years. We were truly blessed to have her in our lives. Dorothy was a special breed - a matriarch who was "cherished by many and loved by all."

Dorothy leaves to cherish fond memories: one daughter, Sharon Banks (Vincent); three sons, Earl Tyrone Ryder, Kevin Ryder and Bryan Ryder (Annie); 16 grandchildren, notably Michael Ryder and Rufus Ryder; a host of great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; two sisters-in-law, Mary Miles and Alice Morris; a special niece, Wanda Clinkscale and a host of family members she picked up along the way. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: three sons, Lawrence "Spanky" Ryder, Charles Anthony Ryder and Vincent "Puntney" Ryder; one sister, Mable Hoy; three brothers, James Reid, William Reid and Edwin "Baby" Reid; one foster brother, Junior Kimble; two grandchildren, Saunders Vincent Banks, Jr. and Sherri Banks-Thomas, and a special niece, Regina Badger.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

OCT **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - October 25, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy Virginia Ryder*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - October 28, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Virginia Ryder*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - October 25, 2024 at 02:16 PM

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“ I pray, fill us up with your memories.  
Your joy, your jokes, your discernment.  
Come in our dreams, our children's smiles, as we carry your  
wisdom in our actions.  
May all of us that come after you move through this life with the  
same level of grace, humor, and faith,  
Until we meet again, grateful for your life and love.

Victoria Ryder (Robles) - October 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

SF

“ Shirley Jones and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Virginia Ryder.

Shirley Jones and Family - October 25, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SF

“ Shirley Jones and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dorothy Virginia Ryder.



Shirley Jones and Family - October 25, 2024 at 09:52 AM

DC

“ DIA's Office of Space and Counterspace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Virginia Ryder.

DIA's Office of Space and Counterspace - October 25, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DC

“ *DIA's Office of Space and Counterspace purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Virginia Ryder.*



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**DIA's Office of Space and Counterspace** - October 25, 2024 at 08:37 AM

TD

“ *The Defense Intelligence Agency DI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Virginia Ryder.*

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**The Defense Intelligence Agency DI** - October 23, 2024 at 05:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Virginia Ryder.*



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October 23, 2024 at 05:46 AM

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“ *So Sorry for your loss*



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**Renee Corbin Robinson** - October 22, 2024 at 02:15 PM

GC

“ Collins Family



Gene Collins - October 22, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DH

“ Debbie Harmon lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Virginia Ryder



Debbie Harmon - October 22, 2024 at 11:48 AM

PC

“ Phoebe Collins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Virginia Ryder



phoebe collins - October 22, 2024 at 10:37 AM

CH

“ Cherylhull1129@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Virginia Ryder



cherylhull1129@gmail.com - October 21, 2024 at 10:46 PM

MJ

“ *Sending my love and prayers to my family.  
Sweet cousin take your rest.* ”



Michelle Johnson - October 21, 2024 at 02:55 PM

JB

“ *The Bazile Family since their condolences* 🌸 ”



Jasmine Bazile - October 21, 2024 at 01:24 PM

GC

“ *Gene Collins lit a candle in memory of  
Dorothy Virginia Ryder* ”



Gene Collins - October 20, 2024 at 03:18 AM

JH

“ *Jane Allison Hoy lit a candle in memory of  
Dorothy Virginia Ryder* ”



Jane Allison Hoy - October 18, 2024 at 12:05 PM

SH

“ Aunt Sissy you were such precious jewel to the family. You will truly be missed!

*Love Cousins,  
Barbara Jean & Sherri*

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**Sherri** - October 18, 2024 at 10:11 AM

SB

“ Suzanne Burton lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Virginia Ryder



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**Suzanne Burton** - October 18, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



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**Thomas Widgeon** - October 17, 2024 at 07:30 AM