



Dorothy Roberta Dawson

September 18, 1928 - September 3, 2018

Dorothy Roberta Dawson, 89, of Huntington, WV passed away Monday, September 3, 2018 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. She was born on September 18, 1928 in Charlottesville, VA to the late Thomas Scott and Dorothy (Payne) Scott. She leaves behind to cherish her memory; her children, Meredith Slash (Joseph) of Indianapolis, IN, Edna Congleton of Huntington, Paulette Dawson, Meria Broomes both of Indianapolis, IN, Charleen Tooten (Timothy) of Baltimore, MD and Edward Dawson, Jr. (Yvonne) of Huntington. Also, surviving are 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a host of many other family members and friends. Funeral services will be conducted at 12 Noon, Saturday, September 8, 2018 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Timothy Tooten, officiating. Family will welcome friends at 11:00 A.M. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Huntington. Online condolences may be expressed to the family below.

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Better known as Roberta, she was called by many different names. It all depended on to whom you were talking. Her husband, Eddie, called her Bert or Berta. Her Children called her Momma. Two of her Grandchildren and Godchildren called her Mommie Berta and to the other Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren she was GaGa. Her children's friends called her Moms,

Ms. Dawson, Mom Bert or Ms. Roberta. Roberta was talented in sewing, antiques, furniture, upholstery, and playing bid whist. But she was really a shining star in the kitchen. She began her culinary career at the Silver Arrow restaurant in Covington, Virginia. She and her late husband, Eddie, lived there when they first married. In 1954 they moved the family to Huntington. Roberta stayed home with the children who were not yet in school. She became active in the PTA at Barnett Elementary School, and was one of the first African American Brownie/Girl Scout Leaders and a member of First Baptist Church. After their sixth child was in school she began taking cleaning jobs for private families. In the mid sixties she began as a substitute cook in the Cabell County School System. She was head cook at Simms Elementary and Spring Hill Elementary. During this time she became more active in her church, singing in the choir, helping to prepare banquet meals, counseling the BYF, and active in Group #9 of the Women's Organization. And let's not forget, she participated in the protest of "The White Pantry Restaurant" in the Civil Rights Era. She remained active in church, if it was just to fold napkins in the kitchen, as others followed in her footsteps. She attended Sunday School until it was no longer possible for her to go. Roberta was a Red Hatter until her illness and a "Past Worthy Matron", Evergreen Chapter #43, Order of the Eastern Star. After she and Eddie retired they moved to Proctorville, OH. He wanted to have a garden and a place for their Grandchildren to run around. They spent many days taking cruises and visiting their daughters and grandchildren in Indianapolis and Baltimore, often taking the grandchildren from here with them. She lost Eddie after almost 61 years of marriage. Please add that upon her father's death, she discovered a brother, now deceased, and a sister, Jackie Hill. She also leaves to remember her, two very special friends, Janella Coleman and Zenobia Wilson. Proverbs 31: 10-31 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Roberta Dawson

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ To: Family and Friends May memories warm your hearts, faith help you to be strong and God's promise of eternal life comfort and sustain you.. In Prayer and Sympathy..

Thomas E. Bass - September 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the family you are in my prayers. Rita Scott Dobson

Doretha Scott Dobson - September 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Charleen, Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time of loss. Sincerely, David and Stephanie Ring

David C Ring - September 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so grateful for the time we were able to spend with "Ma Berta" and appreciated her wisdom and generosity. We are praying for strength for Sis. Edna and the entire Dawson Family. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Love, Dcns Bren,

Bren Martin - September 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Our condolences*

Roy L Marsh Jr and Deborah Marsh - September 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *We wish we could be with you to say our goodbye. I'm sure she is deserving of a great long rest. She will be missed by many. Love from Lee and NoraAnn*

Clayborne and NoraAnn Agnew - September 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Roberta was an amazing lady who raised a beautiful family.*

John and Jo Watkinson - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Tenderly May time heal your sorrow; Gently May friends ease your pain; Softly May Peace replace heartaches, and May warmest mermories remain... But Mostly, YAHWEH's Love Hold onto You Forevermore, Infinity...,*

Donna Scott Harless - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Charleene and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this sad time. Sylvia and family we love you!*

Sylvia Cox - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the Dawson family on the loss of such a treasured family member. I have such fond and loving memories of her growing up as well as into my adulthood. Prayers for God's comfort, peace and understanding to you all in the days to come

Deborah (Debbie) Jackson - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Praying for the family in the loss of your dear mother.

Carla Debnam - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Mrs. Dawson and my mother, the late Susan McDowell were the best of friends and running buddies. They both served as Girl Scout Troop leaders and both worked in the cafeteria back in the day at Barnett Elementary School. You couldn't beat those home coo

Nora K. McDowell - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of bereavement. May God bless you and comfort you in the loss of your Mother and may the many memories live on in your heart until you meet her again. With Deepest Sympathy,

Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Wilson - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ SO, SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS. WILL KEEP THE FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS. YOUR AUNTIE JACKIE.

Jacqueline Hill - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Condolences to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Sylvia Pyles - Adkins - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

G,

“ *Consolences*

George Palmer ,Sr. - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Gaga will be truly missed. I loved your mother dearly. Family, you all are in my prayers. I love you all* ❤️

Regina Shelton - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *I am praying for your strength as you celebrate the life of this great woman. I loved her wisdom and kindness.*

JoAnn Bradshaw Nelson - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ *Our sincerest sympathy to each of you in the loss of the Matriarch of your family. We are praying for comfort and peace, knowing that she will always live inside of you all. May God bless and keep you!*

William & Sandra Johnson - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I will miss Mom Bert, but I know she is happy with Eddie.*

Jacqueline Hornbuckle, Past Grand Worthy Matron WV - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Dorothy Roberta Dawson. My God comfort and keep you always.

PRISCILLA DAVIS - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ At a time when words are hard to find we just wanted to let you know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. And remember that the God of all comfort is always there as you grieve the lost of your love one.

Jarrett and Sharlotte Waller - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Charleen: so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in our prayers.

Kenneth & Kimberly Byers - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ To Paulette, Meredith and the entire family, please know that our thoughts are with you and we hope you can find peace and comfort during this challenging period. We did not know your mother personally but judging from the admiral traits of the family th

Eric Cheatham - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dear Charlene, Tim and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of Moma Bert. She will be missed!! We are family and one of the branches has been broken, we will forever love and miss Gigi Love, Moms, Cindy, Gene, Jackie, Damon, Dany

Cynthia Ellis Burman Givens - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ My heart goes out to the family of this lovely lady. Even though I have never meet her, I have some great memories for which I have lived through conversations with Meria. She will be dearly missed, but never forgotten as her spirit will live on with he

Lauri Andres - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ My sincerest condolences Charleen and Family. May the Job Oy of Your Love One be your strength as you Journey Forward. My prayers are with you and family.

Otha White SR. - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My heart carries the burden of remembering a very beautiful woman with a heart of gold. I wish you, the family, all the best with your struggle to say goodbye to Ms Dawson my friend. I'll miss her too.

Charles Dozier - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Our condolences to you and your family

Ronald & Nadene Evelyn - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Praying for all of you! May God confort you during this time! We love you! Larry and Julia

Larry and Julia Bondar - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Mama Bert was a friend and mentor to all of us kids at First Baptist Church. Sending prayers to the Dawson family in the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother.*

Kathy Murrell Stuart - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Praying for all of you! May God confort you during this time! We love you! Larry and Julia*

Larry and Julia Bondar - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *My Most Sincere and Deepest Condolences To The Family..It was such a pleasure and blessing to have been your friend and neighbor for more than 50 years..I love you all more than can be put on words..I'm praying for you all.*

Davey Jr - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM