



Mrs. Dorothy Marie Willis

September 28, 1955 - March 18, 2023

Dorothy Marie Taylor Willis was born on September 28, 1955. She was the first child born to the union of the late William and Georgia Taylor in Brandon, Mississippi.

Dorothy, affectionately known as "Lil Dorothy, resided in the Brandon and Johns community all her life. Dorothy attended school in Rankin County at Carter High School, but due to integration, she moved on to Brandon High School with the class of 1973. Dorothy finished her high school year at BHS, and went on to further her education at Job Corp, where she earned her GED.

Dorothy accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at an early age at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church in Brandon, MS. Through sickness and health, Dorothy served and remained an active and devoted member of True Vine. Dorothy truly loved her church family and would stop at nothing to make her way to the house of the Lord. Through those devoted years, she served as a youth leader, softball coach, member of Sunday School (Class #7), Gospel Choir, Mission, ROC (Retirees on Call), Vacation Bible School teacher, Boy Scouts leader, Couples Ministry, Hospitality Ministry and served in any capacity she was able. Dorothy maintained her faithfulness to her church, family, and community beyond the failing of her health, but did so up until she was called home to be with the Lord.

On July 16, 1977, Dorothy was joined in holy matrimony to the love of her life Wilbert Willis. At that time, Dorothy was already the proud mom of Cornelius and Leptric, and to this union, her baby boy William was born. She was truly a "BOY MOM" and a mother figure to many. Dorothy and Wilbert were married for 45 years. For them both, these were the best of times filled with love, happiness, travel experiences, etc., but most importantly their relationship was the true definition of their marriage vows reflecting "in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; until death."

Dorothy was known for her sweet smile and caring personality. She was crafty, outgoing, loved to cook, going to Cruising the Coast, and spending time with her family, especially her six sisters. Dorothy was a part of a close-knit sister circle of her sisters and cousins that have now lost a precious jewel from their crown. She was a great confidant and friend. Dorothy was previously employed as a nursery attendant at Women's Hospital for many years. She also was employed with Rival Manufacturing Co., in Flowood, MS. It was there that she met her love, Wilbert.

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, God dispersed his angels, instructing them to bring Dorothy to her heavenly home. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert Willis; her father, William Taylor, St.; her mother, Georgia Taylor Bilbro; three sisters, Ruth Floyd, Ella Jean Macklin, and Margaret Boone; five brothers, William Taylor, Jr., Samuel Taylor, Winston Taylor, Willie Earl Taylor, and John Wesley Taylor; and one son, Leptric Taylor.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory two sons: Cornelius (Christina) Taylor and William (China) Willis; six sisters: Barbara McKee, Jimmie (Lossie) O'Neal, Betty Taylor, Mary Ann Taylor, and Dianne (Sylvester) Burton, all of Brandon, MS, and Alice (Joe) Norris of Las Vegas, NV, one brother: Clarence (Lestine) Taylor of Arlington, TX; seven grandchildren, Benjamin, Maci, Cornelius Jr., Katelynn, Cameron, Aleshia, and Chris; three great-

grandchildren: Evelynn, Christynn, and Carmynn, one uncle Richard Spann of Brandon, MS; six brothers-in-laws, Stanley (Kay) Willis, Willie Ray (Patricia) Willis, John Lee (Elmira) Willis, Wallace Willis, Cirde (Shelia) Willis, and Thomas Jean (Rence) Willis; best friend, Lou Vatta Myers; god- daughter Miranda Florence, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and many others who loved her dearly.

Cemetery Details

TrueVine M. B. Church Cemetery

124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 26. 1:00 PM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church
124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Marie Willis*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - March 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM

AB

“ *alexis bilbro lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



alexis bilbro - March 26, 2023 at 11:15 PM

WR

“ *You will be in our hearts forever Aunt Dorothy. Thank you for all the love, laughter, advice, meals, and deals that you shared with us. Until we meet again Aunty.* ❤️🙏🏻👤🍫



Walter and Jennifer Rawls - March 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Debbie L. Jenkins - March 26, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DM

“ *Gonna miss you, second mom.*



Dedrick Mayers - March 25, 2023 at 05:51 PM

HB

“ *Harris Ann Brown lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Harris & Ann Brown - March 25, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Bobby Evans lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Bobby Evans - March 25, 2023 at 10:40 AM

BG

“ *My condolences to the family*



Bernice Gibson and Cynthia Gibson - March 24, 2023 at 09:19 PM

LJ

“ *Latasha Jones lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Latasha T Jones - March 24, 2023 at 05:37 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Love lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Brenda Love - March 24, 2023 at 05:27 PM

NT

“ *Nieshia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Nieshia Taylor - March 24, 2023 at 03:53 PM

EC

“ Praying for the family. Earnestine Chambers and family.



Earnestine Chambers - March 24, 2023 at 12:22 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Palmer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Carolyn Palmer - March 24, 2023 at 04:57 AM

MS

“ Condolences and prayers to the family of Dorothy Marie Willis. May the Holy Spirit comfort you.



Mary Stapleton-Carr - March 23, 2023 at 11:21 PM

SM

“ Stephanie McCoy-Rose lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Stephanie McCoy-Rose - March 23, 2023 at 09:11 PM

KH

“ *Forever in our hearts Love you Auntie
Your niece Karla Taylor Ham*



Karla Taylor Ham - March 23, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Mrs. Dorothy Marie Willis.*



March 23, 2023 at 08:43 PM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Dorothy Willis*



Marilyn Johnson - March 23, 2023 at 07:45 PM

HM

“ *Helen McDonald lit a candle in memory of
Dorothy Willis*



Helen McDonald - March 23, 2023 at 07:32 PM

VJ

“ *Vinson Rena Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Vinson & Rena Jenkins - March 23, 2023 at 07:11 PM

SM

“ *Shan McCoy lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Shan McCoy - March 23, 2023 at 07:11 PM

RJ

“ *Rose Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Rose Jenkins - March 23, 2023 at 10:23 AM

ET

“ *Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Evelyn Tillis - March 23, 2023 at 09:29 AM

SA

“ Our condolences to the family, may you find strength, she was ,caring person and smile from HL and Sarah

SarahNewsome - March 23, 2023 at 06:22 AM

GS

“ Sincere Condolences to the family.
Prayers for Comfort and Strength to endure



Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton - March 23, 2023 at 05:28 AM

SH

“ Sharon Hoard lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Sharon Hoard - March 23, 2023 at 01:04 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Marie Willis.



March 22, 2023 at 11:37 PM

RM

“ *Rev and Diane Mclaurin lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Rev Marvin and Diane Mclaurin - March 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Eddie Ainsworth - March 22, 2023 at 10:13 PM

FT

“ *Felicia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Felicia Taylor - March 22, 2023 at 09:48 PM

RB

“ *Rev. & Neva Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Rev. Clarence & Neva Bryant - March 22, 2023 at 09:18 PM

OJ

“ *Ms. Willis you will truly be MISS with that beautiful Smile.*



Ollierea Jones - March 22, 2023 at 09:03 PM

OJ

“ *Ollierea Jones lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Ollierea Jones - March 22, 2023 at 09:01 PM

MH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to the Willis family. The Hobson Family*



Mary Hobson - March 22, 2023 at 08:59 PM

IJ

“ *irene Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Willis*



irene Johnson - March 22, 2023 at 08:37 PM

LM

“ *Laura myers lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Laura myers - March 22, 2023 at 08:27 PM

VB

“ *My cousin will truly be missed* ❤️



Vickie Beck - March 22, 2023 at 06:57 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Wallace lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Lisa Wallace - March 22, 2023 at 06:39 PM

VM

“ *Vaddie Myers lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Vaddie Myers - March 22, 2023 at 06:25 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Harris lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Jennifer Harris - March 22, 2023 at 06:10 PM

GH

“ Glendora Horton lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Glendora Horton - March 22, 2023 at 05:34 PM

TW

“ Terri Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Willis



Terri D Williams - March 22, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Marie Willis.



March 22, 2023 at 09:12 AM

ST

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Willis, forever my friend 🙏🙏🙏



Shirley Thomas - March 21, 2023 at 06:52 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy thoughts and prayers goes out to the Willis and Taylor family. Dorothy was a Friend Classmate and Church Member. She was truly loved and will be missed. Rest In Peace my Friend. Until me meet again.

Mary McCoy - March 21, 2023 at 05:54 PM

GH

My most heartfelt condolences to the family!

Glendora Horton - March 22, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MM

“ Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Mary McCoy - March 21, 2023 at 05:24 PM

VR

“ *vickie riley lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



vickie riley - March 21, 2023 at 04:54 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Bessie Taylor - March 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Anslem Palmer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis*



Anslem Palmer - March 21, 2023 at 04:15 PM

EW

“ *Praying for comfort for the Taylor/Willis families. God is able.*

Edna Winsley - March 21, 2023 at 03:38 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Patricia Jones - March 21, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MB

“ Our condolences To the Willis family,Aunt Dorothy will truly be missed at all the family gatherings,she always had a cheerful smile and something funny to say. I know we will meet again rest in peace,the Boone Family.



Myra Boone - March 21, 2023 at 02:55 PM

LS

“ Prayers of love and comfort for the family of Dorothy Taylor Willis as you celebrate and honor her life. What a strong woman of faith as she exemplified God's love for her to all of us!!! Dorothy you really kept the faith through a long illness as a witness to us all. Rest Easy my sister!!!! Blessings & Love Robert & Lillie "Ann" Scott

Lillie Scott - March 21, 2023 at 02:28 PM

LS

“ Lillie Scott lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Lillie Scott - March 21, 2023 at 02:12 PM

EY

“ Evelyn young lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Willis



Evelyn young - March 21, 2023 at 01:49 PM