

Loving Memories



Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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Acknowledgement

The family of Dorothy H. Crosby wishes to acknowledge, with deep gratitude, the many acts of kindness, prayers, telephone calls and other expressions shown during this time of sorrow. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. May God forever bless and keep you.

Celebrating the Life
of

Mrs. Dorothy H. Crosby



Graveside Service

Thursday, October 28, 2021
11:00 A.M.

Elmwood Cemetery
600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35211

Reverend Dr. James H. Brooks, Officiating
New Pilgrim Baptist Church

Obituary

Dorothy Crosby was the oldest of five children born to the late John and Mattie Haywood on July 29, 1944. God called her home on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. She and her sibling grew up in New Pilgrim Baptist Church where she was a lifetime member of that great congregation.

Dorothy was educated in the Birmingham City Schools and was a proud graduate of Ullman High School; she later earned her college degrees from Birmingham Southern College.

Dorothy was raised by her mother and father to have as a goal to live a life reflective of two great commandments: "To love the Lord thy God with all of your heart, soul and mind and to love thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27). Her mother's life modeled these commandments and Dorothy continued to build on this legacy through her work in her church, her profession and in our community.

At New Pilgrim, Dorothy was not only a life member, she taught Sunday School, served as a Youth Department Volunteer, served on the July Sheepfold, served on and chaired the Benevolence Committee and for many years served as the Annual Women's Day Award Presenter. She was named the church's 2019 Woman of the Year for her exemplary service to the church.

Professionally, Dorothy extended her ministry and has "loved her neighbor" through her over fifty-three years of service at the local community service organization J.C.C.E.O. where she began as a volunteer. She moved from volunteer and held several roles through the years ranging from Social Worker to Deputy Director, to the role she held upon retirement as the Energy Services Coordinator.

Her work in the community has been untiring and largely focused on creating opportunities for young black women. Dorothy started the first Camp Fire Troop for young black girls in Birmingham and coordinated the Miss JCCEO Beauty Pageant in an effort to provide a forum for high school aged young women to express their beauty, talent and win scholarships during a time when our community was not as inclusive. In addition, she served as Chairman of the Alabama Power Foundation Trust, was an Alumni of Leadership Birmingham and a founding member of the Metro Area NFHPA Chapter and a member of the NAACP, Metro Birmingham Branch. These highlight just a few of the countless contributions Dorothy made to this place we call home.

Dorothy was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved and cherished the family she built with the late James Franklin Crosby, Sr. Dorothy leaves her continued legacy with her children, Carl Erwin Crosby (Linda), Jamesel Crosby Lewis, Dorothea Pamela Crosby, Gerald Olando Crosby (Cheryl) and James Franklin Crosby, Jr. (LaKecia), all of Birmingham, Alabama; brother, John Haywood Islam (Mandy); sisters, Harnett Curry, Pamela Haywood and Darlene Haywood; twelve grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews,

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Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection Jan Hendricks Fuller

Scripture:

Old Testament Reverend James Bell
Psalms 23 New Pilgrim Baptist Church

New Testament Reverend Jerry Cunningham
I Corinthians 13:1-13 New Pilgrim Baptist Church

Prayer

Reflections Carl E. Crosby (Son)
..... Tanesha C. Derico (Granddaughter)

Resolution Valerie Rivers
..... Commissioner Sheila Tyson

Musical Selection Jan Hendricks Fuller

Eulogy Reverend Dr. James H. Brooks
..... Senior Pastor, New Pilgrim Baptist Church

Musical Selection Jasmine McGaha

Recessional