



## Mrs. Dorothy Marie Drake

September 26, 1930 - March 4, 2016

Celebrating The Life Of Dorothy Marie Drake:

On September 26, 1930 Dorothy Marie Drake was born to Homer and Sadie Senter in Paducah, Kentucky. She was the third eldest of six children.

Dorothy received her education through the Paducah, Kentucky Public Schools system.

Later she married Clarence Edward Powell. To this union was born one son, Clarence (who preceded her in death) and four beautiful girls, Frances Yvonne (Willie Joe), Marjia Nell (Garnett), Sharron Renee and Esther Marie (who preceded her in death) (Andrew). She was a very devoted mother and committed to the care and the provisions of her family.

Dorothy faithfully attended Burkes Chapel AME Church where she sang in the Adult Choir. She kept her children actively involved in every children's ministry of the church. Every Sunday morning she would make sure that we were dressed and ready for Sunday School. She came later and met us at church for the worship service. At that time, it was not appropriate to express your emotions but Dorothy would be so inspired by the message, tears of joy would roll down her cheeks. As children, we would be so embarrassed because that was something that you did not do in the methodist church. But little did we know that we would be doing the same thing today.

Oh, we learned so much from our mother. She knew how to do everything. As head of the household, she was very handy with her hands. She fixed most every household item from rewiring lamps to repairing a broken bed and bike. If she didn't know, she would patch it up good enough to make it work.

At an early age, us girls would help her mow the lawn, cut the hedges, put up clothes lines and take care of our designated responsibilities. It was a joy to share in the chores working along side mamma. Even in doing these things we felt the love that our mom had for us.

Mamma would join us in our playful activities and even played marbles, hopscotch and hide and seek with us a lot of the time. We all loved each other so much.

In Paducah, Dorothy was employed as a housekeeper at the Citizen's Bank for many years. It was here where she met and married Odell Drake. He relocated our family to Detroit, Michigan in 1963 and Dorothy gave birth to our loving brothers, Dwayne Keith and Maurice Odell. Filled with compassion and love for others, Dorothy made friends easily in Detroit. She always showed kindness and looked out for the needs of others. What she liked most was sewing, resale shopping, gardening and planting flowers. Although she enjoyed these hobbies, they were good therapy for her because her children were the only family she had in Detroit,

As her children married and the family expanded, she was very excited about her grandchildren. She devoted her life to their care and well being. She and Odell adored the grandchildren dearly and would often keep them at their home to play outside in their huge yard. To this day, Dorothy, affectionately called "Granny" is respected and so loved by all of them.

Dorothy became a member of Saunders Memorial AME Church. However, after retiring from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and moving to the west side of

Detroit, Dorothy later joined New Testament Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Pastor Nick S. Edwards Sr. where she came to know the Lord as her personal Savior. She enjoyed her new life in Christ. She particularly loved Bible Study that included the New Members Class, Sunday School and Prayer and Bible Band. She loved to fellowship with the mothers at dinner after service. As her health started failing, she could no longer attend as she would have liked.

On Friday, March 4, 2016, Dorothy answered the call of the Lord and went home to be with Him. What a wonderful day to know that Dorothy is Safe In His Arms. We miss your companionship mom, but all of us, your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, sisters, nephews, nieces, family and friends; but we are happy to know that you are in a better place.

# Cemetery Details

## Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road  
Redford Twp., MI 48239

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Testament C.O.G.I.C.  
15003 Joy Road  
Detroit, MI 48228  
(313) 582-1610  
<http://www.newtestamentchurchdetroit.org>

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Mar. **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Marie Drake*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My heart is heavy hearing the loss of my precious and loving Aunt Dorothy. I know that God will strengthen and heal you in due time. We are praying for the family. I love and miss my cousins.*

**Adelle Powell-Ballard** - March 18, 2016 at 09:27 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. When death strikes the pain and grief can be intense. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who exercises faith in me even though he dies will come to life.-John 11:25*

**Ms. Tuffy** - March 11, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathies to you and your family. We pray the of love God enfolds you during this difficult time. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though may die, he shall live. Deacon George and Missy Ellean Hunt*

**Deacon George and Missy Ellean Hunt** - March 09, 2016 at 08:29 PM

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“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to the family and friends for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace of heart in God's promises at (Psalm 34:18) which assure us of God's love in times of sorrow.

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