



Dorothy Lee Scates

March 30, 1934 - June 19, 2021

Dorothy Lee Scates was born on March 30th, 1934, to the late Mitchell and Mary (McGill) Scates. She was the third oldest of 10 children. She left her homeplace in Shady Grove, TN aka “Mobley Ridge/Center Star” to reside in Centerville, TN where she raised her children.

Dorothy attended O.H. Bernard High School for 2 years. Despite only having an 8th grade education, she went on to accomplish great careers at Genesco (12 yrs) and Centerville Life Care Center where she was CNA for over 30 years, and later retired in March 1999. Hard work was second nature for Dorothy. She proved that anything can be accomplished through a great work ethic, dedication, and being a person of your word.

Dorothy was a devout Christian and servant. Early on she attended the Center Star Church of Christ where she was baptized by her uncle Bro. Graham McGill. Dorothy was a current member of Columbia Avenue Church of Christ. She enjoyed going to the Sunday meetings at various surrounding churches and the singing was her favorite part.

“Miss Dorothy” was a pillar in her community. She will always be remembered for direct honesty and her quick wit that was usually accompanied with a clever statement. Some of her favorites include: “You look better going than you do coming”, “If I wanted you to know I would have told you” and “I love

you too, have a nice day”!

She was energetic, young at heart, and recognized for her sweet charm. Well-Known for her infamous storytelling, you would often find the young and the old enjoying the grace of her company. Dorothy loved reading, quilting, and spending quality time in her yard (and those of others). She was a fashionista, always “styling” and “profiling” in her outfits and hats. She loved to take pictures and receive them as well. Her visitors loved seeing them on display in her home’s unique “gallery of fame”.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter - Sherry Scates, grandchildren – Jeffrey Ray James, Glendale Maurice Jackson, great granddaughter Ja’Quazia Denae Reed, Sister - Jean (Alfred) Miles, Brothers – Mitchell Scates, Marshall Scates, Johnny (Shiral) Scates, and Kenneth Scates.

She is survived by one Uncle – Graham McGill, three sisters – Sarah Cowan (Vator), Clara Moore, and Mary (Reggie) Flagg, one brother – Joe Harold (Brenda) Scates, sister in laws – Audrey Scates, Loretta Scates, and Mable Scates, and eight children – Verna (Robert) Tunia, Yung Woochi (Tama) Scates Sr., Victoria Scates, Vanessa Scates, Ramona Scates, James Scates, Jeffrey (Melissa) Scates, and Tracy Scates, 16 grandchildren – Frank Flippin, LaTonya (Chris) Jenkins, Steven McShand, Yung Woochi Scates Jr., Glenda Jackson, Talisha (JaMaal) Cook, Regina James, Dorothis Scates, Jeffrey Scates Jr., Melesha Scates, Ashlyn Scates, Antonio Corlew, Ethan Scates, Mary Scates, Demetrious Stone, Demarious Stone, 38 great- grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends. Two devoted and special friends, Brenda Beard (deceased) and Terri Rosson.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RE

“ Hey Granny. Looking for you. I miss you and need you right now.
Love always your grandbaby.

Regina - May 18, 2023 at 03:38 PM

TR

“ My heart is hurting so bad . I just keep crying. I miss you so much
Mom.

Love you forever

Tracy - July 11, 2021 at 07:49 PM

BT

“ Beautiful Soul” rip



Bernando Turner - July 01, 2021 at 01:36 PM

MR

“ Continuing prayers for the family of Miss
Dorothy Scates



Monica Sowell & Fonda Sowell

Monica Ramey - June 29, 2021 at 04:30 PM

SN

“ You will be missed we are left with so many great memories love San and Nikki



San And Nikki - June 28, 2021 at 03:37 PM

BS

“ Dorothy was a sweet lady who loved my husband. Lol She said he was her boyfriend. Thats ok because I loved her too. You will be missed.

Brenda Scott - June 28, 2021 at 02:18 PM

KH

“ Karla Harris lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



Karla Harris - June 28, 2021 at 10:03 AM

GC

“ Gilda Tolbert Cornell lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



Gilda Tolbert Cornell - June 27, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JH

“ Miss Dorothy was a very nice lady
I work for U.P.S the first Black Drive To Work
In Centerville she always call me her Son Back in the 80/90
R.I.P.Miss Dorothy.
From James Harlan Franklin tenn

James Harlan - June 26, 2021 at 10:54 PM

AW

My condelences to the family 🙏🙏 Ms. Dorothy was a beautiful soul
with an infectious laugh that loved everyone. It won't be the same
without her sitting on the porch or deck. She will truly be missed ❤️

Anna Ward - June 28, 2021 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ Charlotte Maricia Staggs sent a virtual gift in
memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



Charlotte Maricia Staggs - June 26, 2021 at 12:05 PM

GD

“ George Dao lit a candle in memory of Dorothy
Lee Scates



George Dao - June 26, 2021 at 11:47 AM

LC

“ *Laura Caracciolo lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Laura Caracciolo - June 26, 2021 at 11:46 AM

JA

“ *Miss Dorothy was one of my favorite people. May She Rest in Peace* 🙏🏻✝️



Jim Adams - June 25, 2021 at 06:41 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Cheeva McClearen - June 25, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *David Bates lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



David Bates - June 25, 2021 at 01:09 PM

PD

“ *Patty Dunn lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



patty dunn - June 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

MG

“ *Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Marilyn Gilliam - June 25, 2021 at 11:07 AM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Vicky Beagle - June 25, 2021 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ *Mable Dansby Scates lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Mable Dansby Scates - June 25, 2021 at 09:16 AM

FB

“ Faith "Faye" Corbin- Bell lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



Faith "Faye" Corbin- Bell - June 25, 2021 at 07:34 AM

CJ

“ Prayers for this sweet family.



Carol Johnson - June 25, 2021 at 01:00 AM

CN

“ Charlene Norris lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



Charlene Norris - June 24, 2021 at 10:15 PM

RJ

“ Dorothy was a fun loving lady. Prayers for peace and comfort to her family.



RITA JENKINS - June 24, 2021 at 10:02 PM

TW

“ *Tammy Jenkins Warren lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Tammy Jenkins Warren - June 24, 2021 at 09:21 PM

JA

“ *We share with you in the loss of Dorothy. We cherish her for her generous love in sharing her daughter Sherrie with us.*
Audrey M. Scates and Family

JaniceWLeavell - June 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM

TU

“ *Terrie Utley lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Terrie Utley - June 24, 2021 at 07:41 PM

KM

“ *Kellie Morrison lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Kellie Morrison - June 24, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JC

“ *The earth has lost a great soul. Ms Dorothy was one of a kind with a smile that would light up a room. Over the last 13 years she has brought such joy to my life and I will always cherish our conversations and laughs. May you rest peacefully as you have left your mark upon our hearts.* ”



Ja Maal Cook - June 24, 2021 at 05:13 PM

JL

“ *Jeannie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates* ”



Jeannie Lewis - June 24, 2021 at 05:00 PM

LI

“ *What a wonderful Women God had blessed the World with! You will be truly Missed! Rest well mama Dorothy!* ”



Luke Myles Sr and Kimberly Myles Illinoi - June 24, 2021 at 04:59 PM

YS

“ YungTama Scates lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



YungTama Scates - June 24, 2021 at 04:24 PM

JA

“ James Arthur and Dana Atkinson lit a candle for Ms. Dorothy



James A. Atkinson - June 24, 2021 at 04:00 PM

MS

“ Dorothy was like a sister to me and I loved her dearly. She will be truly missed. She, Kenneth and I as she would say " Traveled here there and everywhere." Wr enjoyed her company. Can you imagine a car or her truck trip with the two of them. Love you too.
Mable Scates your sis

Mable Scates - June 24, 2021 at 03:53 PM

MC

“ Blessed Savior thanks for placing Ms Dorothy in my life. She showed me perservance as she cared for her family and community. She will be missed Much love to the family as you celebrate her life ❤️

Melady Cartwright - June 24, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Betty Love - June 24, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Jocelyn C Flagg lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Jocelyn C Flagg - June 24, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Alisa D Collins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Alisa D Collins - June 24, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Please Dear Lord Strengthen me and my Entire FAMILY. Can't eat or sleep feels like my soul is leaving me. Light a candle for my QUEEN Miss Dorothy Lee Scates.*

Jeffreybabeboyscates - June 24, 2021 at 12:53 PM

PH

“ *Ms. Dorothy was one of a kind...always cutting up and carrying on. She will be missed.*



Paula Hay - June 24, 2021 at 12:35 PM

FL

“ *Miss Dorothy treated this dumb white boy just like i was one of her own... and Woochi is like blood-kin to me.*

her greatness is reflected in the loving attitude seen in her children, and that's the greatest legacy of all.

Deepest honor and highest respect to the memory of a great American.

Frank List - June 24, 2021 at 11:30 AM

YS

Frank, Yung, is deeply moved by your kind words. Much love to you and Nancy from us.

Yung and Tama Scates - June 24, 2021 at 04:22 PM

CC

“ *Corine Cook lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates*



Corine Cook - June 24, 2021 at 10:44 AM

TR

“ Tracy lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Lee Scates



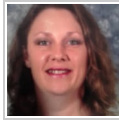
Tracy - June 24, 2021 at 09:41 AM

TR

“ My heart is hurting so bad . I just keep crying. I miss you so much Mom.

Love you forever

Tracy - June 24, 2021 at 09:39 AM



SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

Betty Love - June 24, 2021 at 02:57 PM

GF

So sorry for your loss she was a very special person my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Glenda Fitzgerald - June 26, 2021 at 09:59 AM