



Dorothy Sanders Bailey

July 15, 2020

Dorothy Sanders Bailey, 100 years of age, of New Orleans, died peacefully July 15, 2020, in Minneapolis. During her final days, she was surrounded by all her children and lifted up in prayers by the countless people whose lives she touched.

Dorothy (Mama Dot) was born November 1, 1919, in New Orleans, to Hippolite and Lucy Sanders. She attended Holy Redeemer, St. Raymond Catholic, Valena C. Jones, and Albert Wicker Schools.

In 1942, Dorothy married Norman Bailey, Sr. and moved uptown to Jackson Ave., where they raised a family of five. In 1986, she married her second husband, Rainer Porter.

In 1957, Dorothy worked as an insurance agent for Victory and then for Rhodes Life Insurance Companies. From 1978–1982 she volunteered with the New Orleans Council on Aging, which grew to a full-time position as an outreach worker from 1982–1988. Her illustrious career garnered numerous awards and recognition for her outstanding work.

Dorothy enjoyed helping others, traveling, sewing, reading, and word puzzles. She was an active member of Holy Ghost, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Katherine Drexel Parish Catholic Churches.

Dorothy is survived by her five children: Norman Bailey, Jr. (Louise), New Orleans; Gwendolyn Evans (James), Danville, CA; Hazel Tanner and Cheryl Awobamise (Bola), Minneapolis; Gilbert Bailey, Jacksonville, FL; and an adopted son, Michael Hayes (Judy), De Soto, TX; grandchil-dren: Bola, Jr. and Claire Awobamise; Chad (Natalie), Jamar (Natasha), Tyrone (Kim), and Rasaan (Arlette) Bailey; Bukola (Dan) Breczinski; Melissa (Sylvester) Crawford; Victoria (Philippe) Erville; Carla and Jimmy, Jr. Evans; Chiquita (Jasper) Zachery; Tanya Tanner; and Malissa Walton; 23 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; cousin Carmen Wallace; niece Irma Flemings; cherished relatives of the Sanders, Paulin, and Black families; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dorothy Bailey was passionate about education. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to St. Katharine Drexel's Scholarship Fund. For decades, annually, at St. Francis de Sales and St. Katharine, Dorothy gave each graduate, from elementary school up through college, a monetary gift. Make checks payable to St. Katharine Church; Memo: Scholarship Fund, In Honor of Doro-thy Bailey. Mail to St. Katharine Drexel, 2015 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115. (Phone: 504.891.3172)

She was preceded in death by both husbands: Norman Bailey, Sr. and Rainer PORTER; her sib-lings: Gilbert Sanders, Goble Sanders, Sr., Hazel Vincent, Irma Black, and Junius (Hippolite) Sanders; stillborn daughter, Madeline Bailey; and by her granddaughter, Denise Mikelle Tanner.

Dorothy was cremated in Minneapolis and will be memorialized in New Orleans after COVID-19 subsides. Her legacy as a Christian and advocate for the rights of women and the elderly is a model for all who follow in her footsteps. Condolences: The Bailey Family, c/o Gwen Evans, 35 Meese Circle, Danville, CA 94526. Arrangements by DW Rhodes Funeral Home,

3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA; Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guest book.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Grandma, you are truly missed. I often think about the lessons and wisdom you’ve taught me. Today, they are just as profound and relevant. Thanks for the life lessons. You will always be in my thoughts.*

Malissa Walton - June 12, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Wanda Brady
July 19, 2020 | Friend*

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *Melanie and I offer our heartfelt condolences, even as we celebrate a life lived well and lived fully. Even from our corner of the extended family, it was clear how important family was to her, and we were fortunate enough to be wrapped in the familys very warm embrace. I remember a long fascinating conversation with her on our first meeting, during a visit in New Orleans, oh the breath and depth of wisdom and experience she shared. I can only imagine the great number of lives she touched in this and other ways over the course of a century on this side. May she rest in perfect peace, and may you all be comforted in your loss.
Olubi & Melanie Babalola
July 19, 2020*

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! I never really got to meet Grandma Dot but heard so many wonderful things about her. Glad she passed on peacefully & not in any pain.
Praying for Gods comfort & peace for you all at such a difficult time.
The Omoeguns
July 20, 2020 | Family

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ So honored yo have met and spent time with Dorothy! Her smile and energy for life was very contagious- Will forever cherish my memories. Lots of hugs and kisses.
Shalini
July 19, 2020 | Friend

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. I only knew Mrs. Bailey a short time. I saw a lot of people around her hugging and talking all the time so I started hugging and talking to her. It was a pleasure meeting her. I will miss her dearly.
Patricia Sanders
July 21, 2020 | Friend

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Miss Dorothy was a person who always made you feel as if you were a member of the family. She opened her door wide and her kitchen even wider. She opened her heart. There was never a question to which she didn't know the answer. She was a 'SMART' lady. She was a 'LOVING' lady , She was a SHARING lady. There was no other like her. Miss Dorothy was "ONE OF A KIND". I will miss her spirit. I will miss her kindness. I will miss sitting on the "FIRE ESCAPE" steps... Hazel Birth
July 22, 2020 | Atlanta, GA | Friend

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Shalini Kumar
July 19, 2020 | Danville, CA

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Arthur Serotoff
July 28, 2020

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ Adrienne Diercks
July 19, 2020 | Minneapolis, MN

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 03:08 PM

GE

“ Rest in peace Grandma Dot.
You touched our lives more than you'd have realised and having met you remains a blessing. We would forever cherish knowing you and the wonderful family you raised.

Seyi & Omobola Johnson

July 19, 2020 | Friend

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 03:07 PM

GE

“ My first meeting with Mama Dot she was busy with a crossword puzzle but she looked up and had this huge welcoming smile on her face. She loved God, her family and her community. My favourite memories of her had her dancing in all of them. Even at her last days she was dancing while in bed. She was joy to behold. She radiated love always and just always had that extra room in a heart to add one more person in her love circle.i know as i experienced it. I am so grateful i got to know her even for the short period i did. I thank God she lived a long and fulfilled life and has gone to be with the Lord.

Ronke Aiyelabola

July 19, 2020

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ Miss Dorothy was a great and inspiring woman. I was very fortunate to spend some timewith her during my vacation at Minneapolis. We had a lot of interesting conversations about life in America. My passion for gardening came from her.

May her soul rest in peace.

Dayo Fanoiki

July 25, 2020 | Family

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 03:02 PM

GE

“ *Group of 10 Memorial Trees*
LAWRENCE DAVIS
July 18, 2020 | Los Angeles, CA

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 02:59 PM

GE

“ *Thank you so much for sharing with us Family your wonderful and loving mother. We all have so many memories of beautiful times together and mine goes back to the Undoing Racism training held in New Orleans many years ago and Meals prepared during our African Zulu Celebration of Monte Gras. Thank you "Momma Dot"*
Debra Jacoway
July 19, 2020 | Acquaintance

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *We send our most sincere sympathy and condolences.*
Sabathani AARP
July 28, 2020 | Minneapolis, MN | Friend

Cheryl Creecy-Awobamise - October 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM

GE

“ *Thank you for all the pure wisdom and love you showered us with. I am confident you will continue shining your love down on us. We will miss you terribly but know we will meet again.*
Walter, Terri and Bryan Coley
July 19, 2020 | Family

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 02:22 PM

GE

“ Please accept my condolences . I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one. May the word of God comfort and strengthen you. 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17

D T

July 18, 2020

Gwen Jim Evans - October 10, 2020 at 02:14 PM

GE

“ My mother and I will never forget our wonderful tour of New Orleans with Mrs. Dorothy and Hazel. We will always remember her generous hospitality.

We are both sorry for your loss but encouraged by your faith.

In sympathy,

LaVonne and Elizabeth Moore

LaVonne Moore

July 18, 2020 | Friend

Gwen Jim Evans - October 08, 2020 at 04:58 PM

LW

“ I feel so grateful to have known Dorothy Bailey. It was love at first meet! One of my favorite memories is a lunch I had at my house for her and Gwen. I wanted to “ do it up right”, so I used my grandmother’s China, which is very precious to me. Dorothy showed so much pleasure and appreciation of those dishes that I felt I had finally met someone who understood what they meant to me! I gifted her a couple of sets of cups and dessert plates for her birthday and Gwen got the “ honor” of figuring out how to get them down to New Orleans!!! (So Sorry, Gwen). I will always remember Dorothy with love.

Much love and I am so glad for my beautiful friendship with you, Gwen. You carry your mother’s warmth and grace.

Linda

Linda Wild - September 26, 2020 at 02:09 PM

LD

“ Upon meeting "Mama Dot" 22 years ago, I knew that I was in the presence of greatness; she was immediately warm, gracious, full of love and caring and ... so marvelously "down home" That legacy is so wonderfully displayed throughout her children and their families, her grand-children and families, and. . . great grand children. I'm tremendously happy in having known "Mama" and joyful in knowing that I will eventually see her again. Praises Be.

Deep Condolences to Family and Friends.

Lawrence Davis aka "CuzSonny" . . . and Fuzz

Larry Davis - September 09, 2020 at 06:05 PM

RR

“ Hello All: Great picture. tThis is Rosalind sending my sincere condolences to the family. Mz. Bailey had skills. She could hand sew to perfection. Once I went to the hospital to sit with her while one of her daughters was having a procedure. She was pleasantly sewing on a bedspread. I watched the left handed master as she flawlessly sewed pieces together without a stitch being seen on the outside, and then she hooked her hand to tread the needle in one move. Pure magic. She was a delightful conversationalist and a nice person. I am grateful to the family for sharing her with us.

Rosalind robbins - September 06, 2020 at 05:28 PM

CT

“ Carolyn and I share your great sense of loss. Even in the short time we shared with Momma Dot and your family, we experienced pure love. It was always my great joy to hear from her. We are honored to be adopted family members. The world has lost a great soul. We must stand in the gap as much as we can.

Love, Rev. Cornelius and Carolyn Tilton and Cara.



Cornelius Tilton - September 05, 2020 at 07:01 PM

VE

“ I will always remember Grandma Bailey’s love of travel and for discovering new places. She would practically drill us every time we went somewhere she hadn’t been and would declare they she would also visit that location soon. She would put it on her list! She had a life force that left its mark on all that knew her. She will physically missed but she remains strong in my memories and will forever reside in my heart.

Victoria Erville - September 05, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JP

“ *Dorothy Bailey/Momma Dot/Mom Bailey,
Your love will continue to live on
through your pelicans. You taught them so many
great qualities, they now will pass them on to
your great grandchildren.*

*My family and I are forever grateful for all the fun
times we shared on cruises, birthday parties, as well as,
other activities.*

We love you!

Marion & Joyce

Joyce Page - September 04, 2020 at 11:56 PM

GE

“ *From Dennis Moore, New Orleans, LA*

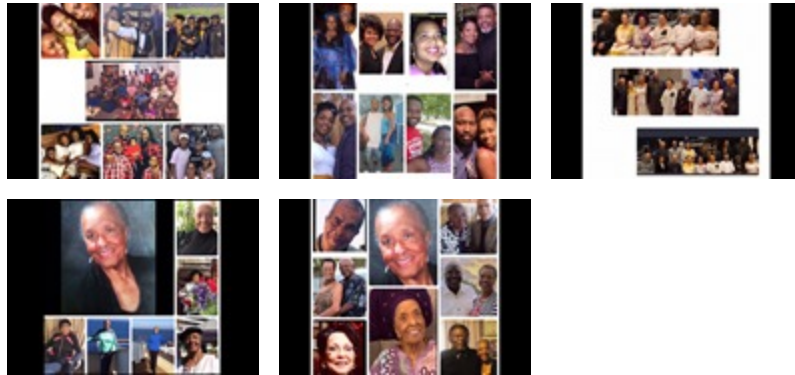
*During times like these, we must keep our most vulnerable citizens
in mind. Please continue to check on them and ensure their safety,
for they have taken care of us for so very long.*

*Reflecting on love and care, I highlight Mrs. Dorothy Bailey. She is,
and was, a hero in helping hundreds of students, including me, who
were seeking to advance their education. When I was accepted into
Tulane Law School, this loving angel gave me a place to stay--
catapulting my judicial career, which allows me to run for Judge of
Criminal District Court (Div. A) today. Sadly, Mrs. Bailey passed July
15, 2020. I am forever grateful to her and for the 101 years with
which she was blessed with a beautiful life and family.*

Gwen Jim Evans - August 25, 2020 at 12:42 PM

GE

“ 7 files added to the album *Tribute to Mama Dot*



Gwen Jim Evans - August 24, 2020 at 01:30 PM

GE

“ *FROM THE BAILEY FAMILY TO ALL WHO KNEW, SHARED, AND LOVED OUR MOM*

We thank you for the outpouring of love, support, and thoughtfulness conveyed through your Masses, prayers, cards, texts, emails, phone calls, gifts, trees, lit candles, flowers, and donations to the Dorothy Bailey Scholarship Fund at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, New Orleans. Your prayers comforted, lifted, and enveloped us joyously, such that we celebrated Mom's life rather than mourn her departure. She was 100 years, 8 months, and 14 days when she floated on Cloud 9 to her eternal resting place.

Love, blessings, and gratitude,

Norman & Louise, Gwen & Jim, Hazel, Gilbert & Altamese, Cheryl & Bola, and Michael & Judy

Gwen Jim Evans - August 08, 2020 at 06:30 PM

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Love, blessings, and appreciation from Norman & Louise, Gwen & Jim, Hazel, Gilbert & Altamese, Cheryl & Bola, and Michael & Judy

Gwen & Jim Evans - August 08, 2020 at 06:16 PM

VB

“ My cousin Dorothy was always very kind and accommodating when I came to New Orleans and visited her. We had long conversations about our family history during which she provided invaluable information about our shared ancestry and details about the lives of those that came before us. She always made me feel welcomed and appreciated and I enjoyed her very funny sense of humor.

My grandmother Cleola and Dorothy were first cousins and it is because of their connection that she was able to provide me with crucial insights into historical events that affected them. I'm glad I was able to introduce my son and niece to her and was very proud for the younger generations to meet one of our family's very important elders.

I know she is received warmly by our ancestors who have proceeded her as well as those of her immediate family who have been waiting for her to join them in our heavenly family. I am happy and proud to have known her. Lover to all.

Your Cousin Valerie Le Beaux, California

Valerie Le Beaux - July 20, 2020 at 06:20 PM

AB

“ Mrs Bailey was a wonderful, welcoming and encouraging spirit; full of energy and wisdom. She will live on and have great impact through her exceptional children. My heart is heavy and I send my warm thoughts to the entire family and especially to Hazel and Cheryl, and my buddy, Gilbert.

Be blessed!

Alfred Babington-Johnson

Alfred Babington-Johnson - July 20, 2020 at 10:37 AM

VF

“ On behalf of the Forkwa family out of Maple Grove, Minnesota, we send our condolences to the Bailey family. Mama Dot was an inspiration to us each and every day. She was so kind and loving, opening her home and making us feel so welcomed each time we saw her. We are amazed at what she has accomplished in her lifetime, helping so many individuals - always keeping focus on God and instilling the importance of family with her own children. Our family will miss Mama Dot. We pray for Gods comfort, presence and continued blessings.

Valencia Forkwa - July 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM

HR

“ God bless Mama Dot, will always treasure our conservations. A true servant of the Lord.

Howard Rodgers - July 19, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JN

“ May God grant you eternal rest in His kingdom at the feet of our Lord Jesus, Amen. And may He also give comfort and peace to the family you left behind in Jesus name, Amen. It is well with your soul.

Jasper Nwachukwu - July 19, 2020 at 06:10 AM

VS

“ To Mrs. Bailey's family.. I share your sorrow on her passing but God heard your prayers and allowed the family to be with her when she went to her heavenly home. This earth owed her nothing because she lived life to the fullest, was well-traveled, caring, warm hearted, hospitable and generous. I remember as the end each school year approached, she would ask the name of all graduates in our church parish and present each with a monetary gift. Her comments were "we have to show the young people we care- we have to encourage them". Her legacy will live and she will be remembered fondly. May God give you all peace during this time.
Vickie Schofield, Avondale, LA



Vickie Schofield - July 18, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Momma Dot. Fred and I first met her when we stayed at her house during Mardi Gras a few years ago. She was so kind and showed us the utmost hospitality. It was a pleasure being in her company. We'll miss her.
Fred and Renee Bickerstaff

Renee Bickerstaff - July 18, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JO

“ Joyce lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Sanders Bailey



Joyce - July 18, 2020 at 11:41 AM

JP

“ We will never forget Mom Bailey/Dorothy Bailey, when we first met her on a family cruise she told us to call her Mom Bailey! We thank her children for sharing their mom with our family. We will miss her, however, her sweet memories will live in our hearts forever! God has taken a beautiful sweet angel to be by his side, let us rejoice and be glad.
Rest In Peace Mom Bailey, May Perpetual Light Shine On You Eternally.

We Love You!

Marion, Joyce, & Tanya

Joyce Page - July 18, 2020 at 12:16 AM