



Dorothy Sanders Bailey

July 15, 2020

Dorothy Sanders Bailey, 100 years of age, of New Orleans, died peacefully July 15, 2020, in Minneapolis where she was cremated. During her final days, she was surrounded by all her children and granddaughter, Tanya Tanner. We all felt the prayers of 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 Ins. 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. 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.

She was passionate about education. For decades, annually, at St. Francis de Sales and St. Katharine, Dorothy gave each graduate, from elementary school up through college, a monetary gift. To continue this worthy tradition, her children established the Dorothy Bailey Scholarship at St. Katharine Drexel.

Dorothy was preceded in death by husbands: Norman Bailey, Sr. and Rainer Porter; her siblings: 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 is survived by her five children: Norman Bailey, Jr. (Louise), New Orleans; Gwendolyn Evans (James), Danville, CA; Hazel Tanner and Cheryl Awobamise (Bola), Minneapolis, MN; Gilbert Bailey, Jacksonville, FL; and an adopted son, Michael Hayes (Judy), De Soto, TX; grandchildren: Tyrone Bailey (Kim), Melissa Crawford (Sylvester), Victoria Erville (Philippe), Carla Evans, Jimmy Evans, Jr., Tanya Tanner, Malissa Walton, Rasaan Bailey (Arlette), Jamar Bailey (Natasha), Chad Bailey (Natalie), Chiquita Zachery (Jasper), Bola Awobamise, Jr., Claire Awobamise and Bukola Breczinski (Dan); 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.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, 2001 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115 on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 10:00 am. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church
2015 Louisiana Ave.
New Orleans, LA

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Gwen,
what a beautiful service in memory of your Mom Ms. Dorothy. What a remarkable woman of God she was and passed on to her children. My continued condolence and prayers to the family.
Sincerely Bea Morgan, St. Columba Church, Oakland, CA

Bea M Morgan - July 15, 2022 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Dear Family*
You are all a shining example of the love and pride of Mz. Bailey for her children. We will all be "Blessed by Association ". SHE bragged on you guys often. Rest in peace, and Good Work, Mz. Bailey.Ame

Rosalind Robbins - July 15, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Sanders Bailey.*



July 13, 2022 at 02:00 PM

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“ To the family of Dorothy Bailey, (Mama Dot)

Our sincere sympathy is offered!

What a remarkable woman, full of kindness, laughter, god fearing, and loved by all who knew her. I still miss her referring to me as precious, darling, and sweetheart!

My family and I thank God for letting us share in her life, a life well lived thanks to her beautiful children.

May her legacy continue to live on through each of you!

Love & Blessings!

Joyce Marion & Family!



Joyce Page - July 13, 2022 at 01:14 PM

 Dee Vachon

“ My deepest heart sympathy to ALL the Loved Ones of Miss Dorothy Bailey. I loved her deeply. I was so Blessed to be introduced to her by my friend Ellen Johnson . I can not tell you how many times we talked on the phone the following year; Mama Dot (as she asked me to call her & I was Honored to .do so) was loving , God Fearing , generous, gracious , a fantastic cook , Community giving to her city of NOLA. I have missed not talking to her on the phone. thank you Gwen for keeping me up . .Dee Normand

Dee Vachon - July 13, 2022 at 08:08 AM