



Ms. Dorothy R Hickman

July 3, 1945 - May 14, 2023

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love appearing. Timothy 4:7-8

Dorothy Mae Rodgers Hickman was born to the late Willie Alexander Rodgers and the late Mary Elizabeth Howell Rodgers on July 3, 1945 in Williamston, NC. She was called to eternal rest on May 14, 2023 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Dorothy graduated from E.J. Hayes High School in Williamston, NC in 1962 and went on to attend Fayetteville State University. Dorothy left the university to begin her career with the Federal Government in Brooklyn, New York where she worked for twenty years before leaving and returning to Williamston, NC, where she worked for the Department of Social Services for an additional thirty years.

Dorothy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age in the Cedar Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the Junior Choir. Upon returning to Williamston after her retirement from the Federal Government in New York, she faithfully attended Cedar Hill Missionary Baptist Church as a faithful member of its Sunday School, Prayer Meetings and Bible Study Group until her health failed.

Dorothy was the oldest sibling of seven and being the oldest carried many responsibilities and privileges. She assumed this 'parent in charge' position

while our parents worked public jobs. She cooked and cleaned the house while working in tobacco, peanut, and cotton fields. She worked hard. This role and position she carried all her life when dealing with us. She was definitely the matriarch of the family.

Dorothy married Michael Hickman in 1969 and to this union three children were born: Stacey Hickman, Terry Hickman, and Imelda Hickman.

Dorothy enjoyed traveling, eating out, Pepsi colas, shopping, collecting rocks, walking barefoot in the grass, reading, and watching red birds. When her sons were younger, she enjoyed taking them to games and playing baseball with them. She loved animals and her favorite animal was Lexi's dog, Brooklyn. They enjoyed their chicken dinners together.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her brother, Milford Rodgers.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory, her three children; Stacey Hickman of Brooklyn, New York; Terry Hickman of Greenville, NC, and Alexis Hickman of Rocky Mount, NC; three grandsons; Delano Armstrong of Raleigh, Denari Hickman of LaGrange, NC and Da'Sean Hickman of Seattle, Washington; five great grandchildren; one sister, Ontra Reddick (Darnell) of Williamston, NC ;four brothers, Samuel Rodgers and Horace Rodgers of Williamston, NC, Johnny Rodgers of Raleigh, NC, and Vernell (Cynthia) of Windsor, NC; one aunt, Margaret Howell, her ex-husband and dear longtime friend, Michael Hickman; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Rodgers Town Farms

2462 Rodgers School Rd
Williamston, NC 27892

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 20, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ms. Dorothy R Hickman*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Shondetta Speller lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Hickman.*



Shondetta Speller - June 01, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Imelda and the Hickman Family. As difficult as this time may be, may you find comfort in knowing your loved one will always be with you. The memories you shared will forever be a part of your life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Praying that God will sustain and bless you always. DeRamous and Debra Arrington, Rocky Mount, NC*

Debra Arrington - May 19, 2023 at 09:46 PM

SF

“ Shirley Freeman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Dorothy R Hickman



Shirley Freeman - May 19, 2023 at 09:20 PM

JB

“ James&Mary Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Dorothy R Hickman



James&Mary Brown - May 18, 2023 at 12:47 PM

WT

“ Dorothy was an inspiration to me and so many others as she faithfully attended church, Sunday School, prayer meeting, and bible study within her physical limitations, until she no longer could. Many times, she attended when other would not have. Love to the family during this difficult time.

William & Marion Thompson - May 17, 2023 at 08:10 AM

EH

“ May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - May 16, 2023 at 08:43 AM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Dorothy R Hickman*



Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family - May 15, 2023 at 03:43 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 15, 2023 at 11:23 AM

RM

Dorothy and I met in elementary school and our parents were good friends. We went off to college at FSU with our parents help. I thank you Dorothy for being a good friend. Thank you for friendship. God's love and peace to you. Condolences to the family.

Ruth Maupin - May 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM