



## Mrs. Dorothy Ann Laurence

April 13, 1943 - October 19, 2019

Dorothy Ann Laurence was born April 13, 1943 to Eugenia and James Hicks of Little Rock Arkansas. She received her formal education through Milwaukee Public Schools. She loved family gatherings, gardening and online shopping. She also loved watching Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and listening to gospel music.

At the age of sixteen, she received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized into Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church.

At a young age Dorothy met Dallas Pottinger, fell in love and to this union 8 children were born. As a family they traveled a lot and attended Camp Meeting in Cassopolis, Michigan.

Years later, she met and was united in marriage with Qudeleous Laurence. Qudeleous was known for giving her yellow roses, which became her favorite flower. The marriage between Dorothy and Qudeleous made for a family of 12. Sebrina, the joy and center of their lives became the apple of their eyes. This brought the number of children in the home to 13. Dorothy's love for children did not stop there. She opened her home to numerous girls in the foster care system.

Dorothy worked for Milwaukee Public Schools for 40 years, in which the majority of her career was spent in the attendance office at Custer High school.'

The children of Milwaukee had a special place in her heart; she was beloved by the children immensely. Regardless of where she went, she would

encounter students; and the doors of her home were always open to help those in need.

Dorothy was a leader in her neighborhood, and was often found organizing neighborhood activities. After Dorothy became ill, she continued to minister to people from her home even up until the time of her death. On the first Sabbath of every month, for 7 years, she opened the doors of her home to anyone for Sabbath dinner and Bible study. As a result many family members and friends have surrendered their lives to God.

Dorothy departed this life on the Sabbath of October 19, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Qudeleous Laurence; parents, Eugenia and

James Hicks; three sons, George Dallas Pottinger IV (Dikie), Delton Pottinger, and Durand Pottinger; two daughters, Sebrina and Denise Laurence; one grandson, Willie Earl (Nickle) Zollicoffer; and two granddaughters, Crystal Hawthorne and Tiffany Pottinger.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters, Debra (Ron) Gay and Donna

(Richard) Evans; six sons, Darius (Shawn) Pottinger, Derwin (Janice) Pottinger, Dion (Joan) Laurence, Jacques Laurence, Pierre Laurence and Franchot (Pam) Laurence; two daughters-in-law, Anita Pottinger and Pat Laurence; 32 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren, 4 sisters, 3 brothers and a host of other loving relatives and friends. Special thanks to her big sisters, Joyce Zollicoffer and Bobbie Lathan for supporting her through the most difficult time of her life up until the end and last but not least a very special thanks to her BEST FRIEND Connie (Beullah) Smith.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 27. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Sharon Seven Day Adventist  
2389 N. Teutonia Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

OCT 27. 3:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Sis. Laurence was a family friend of my parents when they lived in Milwaukee and was kind to me when I moved to Milwaukee for college. She always had a smile on her face and would say an encouraging word when she saw me and would ask me how my parent's were doing. Praying for the family during this time of great loss.*

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**Cassandra Slade** - October 28, 2019 at 07:39 AM

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“*You could always find something going on at cousin Dorothy's home from the laughter to singing or just hanging out with family it was never a dull moment. I have nothing but beautiful memories of visiting in her home, my condolences to my family for such a great loss!!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Shawn Talbert-Brown** - October 27, 2019 at 09:02 AM

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“*I remember when we were kids my Mother, Gloria Dean, use to bring us by on Sunday's and she would spend many hours with Cousin Dorothy talking and laughing and just having a good time together as us kids would be having fun visiting the neighbors and other kids from the church around the neighborhood. Our Moms were more like Sisters than Cousin in laws. Cousin Dorothy was a happy fun to be around person that made everyone feel comfortable and at ease in her home. She will be truly missed. She loved her children!*

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**Marilyn Funches** - October 25, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Ann Laurence.*



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October 25, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ *Dorothy was such a very special lady. I worked with her in the 70's but I have never forgotten her and thought of her often. She was such a happy, loving, caring person. I can still remember her laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Diane (Hebenstreich) Schmeling** - October 23, 2019 at 09:57 PM