



Mrs. Dorothy Isabella Williams Prioleau

February 10, 1931 - August 7, 2018

Mrs. Dorothy Isabella Williams Prioleau, 87, a retired seamstress and cosmetologist, of 1717 Folly Rd. James Island, SC 29412, entered rest on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7

Dorothy Isabella was born on February 9, 1931 in Charleston, South Carolina to Joseph and Rebecca Manigault Williams who preceded her in death. She was the ninth of fifteen children and was preceded in death by all her siblings.

Dorothy became a member of Wallingford United Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S.C. under Profession of Faith in 1945. She regularly attended Church Sunday School and later taught Sunday School, was a member of the Senior Choir, United Presbyterian Women (UPW) and the Young Adult.

She attended Kindergarten at Wallingford Academy and was educated in other Charleston Public Schools. Dorothy Isabella graduated with a diploma from J.E. Burke Industrial High School and a certificate in Cosmetology in 1951. She later attended continuing education classes at the Academy of Hair Design and Charleston Cosmetology Institute under the University of South Carolina (USC) with a certificate of completion.

In 1954 Dorothy was united in marriage to Joe Nathan Prioleau and the Lord blessed the union with four children, Karen Anita, Joe Nathan Jr., Laura Deidre, and John Jerome.

Her Church membership was transferred to the St. James United Presbyterian Church on James Island in 1966, where she served faithfully for thirty-five years as Sunday School Teacher from 1967 to January 2002. Other areas of commitment and dedication were: Advisor to Young Adult Organization and Choir from 1968 to 2001. She sang with the Senior Choir from 1968 to 2001 and Sanctuary Choir from 2001 until her health began to decline in 2014. Dorothy was Chairperson of Worship Committee, Member at large Officer of Nominating Committee and Presbyterian Women Search Committee, Vice Moderator Stewardship Committee, Member Evangelism Committee. She was one of the organizers of the Young Adult Organization, Children's Church and Youth participation in Sunday a.m. Worship Service. Ordained an Elder on January 23, 1972; and served for three terms. She assumed leadership of Division Number three (3) on September 27, 1979 after the reorganization of Class#3. Also served as Chairperson of Evangelism programs (3 years) and many other programs of the church. On December 15, 2015 she was presented an Honorary Presbyterian Woman Life Membership by the St. James Presbyterian Women.

At an early age Dorothy learned the art of sewing from her Mother Rebecca and later expanded her knowledge to seamstress in High School. For thirteen years she worked as a Seamstress and the first Black Sewing Room Supervisor at the Manhattan Shirt Factory from which she retired in 1973. Her second retirement as a Seamstress was from Hunters Manufacturing Company in 1993. Dorothy as an entrepreneur operated a Beauty Salon for many years. She was a faithful and dedicated volunteer with "Cornerstone" thru the Department of Mental Health.

Dorothy heard Jesus call and departed this life on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 4:00 A.M. with full realization that she had fought a good fight, finished her course and kept the faith in the Almighty God. Her work on earth was complete and the building that was not made by hand in the kingdom of God was ready to be occupied.

Dorothy Isabella will be remembered for her sweet smile and loving spirit. She leaves to celebrate her living, her husband Joe Nathan, her children Karen, Laura and John, a sister-in-law Johnetta McClean, A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and other relatives and friends.

PALLBEARERS

CLYDE SMALLS GLENN SCOTT

DOUGLAS RICHARDSON SHANNON JENKINS

EARL JONES DERRICK JONES

MARK WHALEY EDWARD GREENE

The Family will be receiving friends at 1602 Ismael Rd. Charleston (James Island), SC 29412.

In lieu of flowers the family request that you send Donations to:

St. James Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden

Funds for Seminarian & Scholarships

1314 Secessionville Rd.

Charleston, SC 29412.

The Family of Mrs. Dorothy Isabella Williams Prioleau would like to invite

Friends to attend her:

Funeral Service:

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 At 11:00 AM

Saint James Presbyterian Church

1314 Secessionville Rd.

Charleston, SC 29412

Internment:

Saint James Presbyterian Church Memorial Gardens

1981 Grimball Rd.

James Island, SC 29412

Cemetery Details

Saint James Presbyterian Church Memorial Gardens

1981 Grimball Rd.
Charleston, SC 29412

Previous Events

Funeral

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint James Presbyterian Church (USA)
1314 Secessionville Rd.
Charleston, SC 29412

Tribute Wall

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“ Over 40 years ago I worked with Dot at a small fabric store on Folly Road. She is one of the sweetest and most sensible people I have ever known, and I know she will be missed by her family and friends. In the year that I knew her she taught me a lot about life, decency, respect, sewing, and cooking collards.

"Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight."

~Rossiter Worthington Raymond

Denise Chastain - August 14, 2018 at 08:53 AM

SG

“ I new mrs Prioleau for a long time and she was always a kind and sweet women even when I moved away from Charleston she always asked about me god has truly gained and angel my prayers are with the family in the time of need

shandez gadsden - August 10, 2018 at 04:22 PM

MV

“ I took care of Mrs Prioleau for many years. She was kind, sweet, a genuine pleasure to see and someone I very much respected. My thoughts and prayers are with her family
Mary Jean Vogt, MD

mj vogt - August 08, 2018 at 05:58 PM

GJ

“ I will miss Elder Prioleau, she have always given my daughter Larayssa and I words of encouragement. Mrs. Prioleau I will always remember you, I love you and you knew that. Rest in peace God"s Angel, you will forever be in my heart! Geraldine D. Jones

Geraldine Jones - August 08, 2018 at 06:18 AM