



## Dorothy J Bracken

September 9, 1938 - September 14, 2018

Dorothy Jean Joyner Bracken was born September 9, 1938, in Columbia, South Carolina, and went home to be with her Lord on Friday, September 14, 2018. She was the fifth of nine children born to the late Ernest Joyner and the late Hattie Woodson Joyner Cagle.

After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, Dorothy briefly resided in New York. Upon her return to Columbia, Dorothy met Sgt. Bennie Bracken, her true love. In November 1961, they were united in matrimony at Bethlehem Baptist Church, becoming the proud parents of a son, Frank, and a daughter, Kim. Although she worked with, and eventually retired from, the South Carolina State Mental Hospital, Dorothy excelled in the domestic arts; her primary focus was always her home and family. Taking great interest and pride in her children and grandchildren, Dorothy believed her most rewarding years were those spent raising her family.

Dorothy specially enjoyed preparing and cooking nutritious meals for her family and friends. She knew all the secret ingredients and special techniques to turn an ordinary meal into a sumptuous feast and will be remembered for her Red Velvet cake. She also enjoyed using her computer skills for her grandchildren and opened her home to her brother Harry, a frequent houseguest.

A dedicated community activist, Dorothy was an Eastern Star and served with various civic organizations: VFW; Garden Club; Food Pantry; Clothes Closet; Pastor's Aid; and as a Trustee's wife.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by two sisters: Sherria Bookert and Helen Bibby; and two brothers: Major Ernest Joyner and Frank Joyner.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her beloved husband, Sgt (Ret.) Bennie Bracken; two children: Frank (Sanette) Bracken and Kimberly Bracken; three grandchildren: Princess Davis (Antonio) Telford, Gregory (Ashley) Davis, and Dwight Davis; three great-grandchildren: Zy'Eriah Davis, Ja'Vion Douglas Telford, and Antonio Telford, Jr.; four siblings: Betty Vereen, Harry Joyner, Arthur (Michelle) Joyner, and James (Caroll) Joyner; two sisters-in-law: Arlene Joyner and Queene Joyner; a brother-in-law, James Allen Bracken; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

Columbia, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Public Viewing

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist - Lyon Street  
1218 Lyon Street  
Columbia, SC 29204

## Celebration of Life

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist - Lyon Street  
1218 Lyon Street  
Columbia, SC 29204



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy J Bracken*

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October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *May God continue to embrace The Joyner Family during this time of pain and sorrow. Dot was a beautiful, loving and caring person. May she Rest in Peace... Thanks for the Memories!!!*

*Valeria and Alfred Vasser*

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**Valeria and Alfred Vasser** - September 22, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ *Johnnie Mae Corley Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J Bracken*



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**Johnnie Mae Corley Patterson** - September 22, 2018 at 08:54 PM

JP

“ *The Booker T. Washington Class of 1956 as well as other Washingtonians will greatly miss Dorothy Joyner Bracken. She was a friendly ever-smiling friend. Whenever we talked she wanted to know how her classmates were first, then other Washingtonians. When her husband's health then her own health failed the telephone became her lifeline for reaching out to others and knowing how everyone was doing as well as what activities were taking place in the life of Booker T. Washington.*

*She will be missed by her classmates as well as others. We just want her family to know that she will be remembered.*

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**Johnnie Mae Corley Patterson** - September 22, 2018 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bracken family. God bless you.*

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**Willie L Ruff** - September 22, 2018 at 05:47 PM

KL

“ *I would always go across the street to visit Ms. Dot and we would talk for hours or I would go get her grand daughter and watch her for a couple of hours. Ms. Dot is and will always be a blessing to others. Rest in peace*

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**Keish Lowery** - September 19, 2018 at 11:17 AM

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*To the Brackken Family, sorry for your loss, remember her from Rite Aid Pharmacy. Rest In Peace!*

*Catherine A Palmer & Family*

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**Catherine A Palmer** - September 27, 2018 at 06:42 PM