



Dorothy Lee Watson Levy

March 18, 1936 - February 10, 2016

If I can help somebody, as I pass along, If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song,^[L]^[SEP] If I can show somebody, how they're travelling wrong, Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can do my duty, as a good man ought, If I can bring back beauty, to a world up wrought,^[L]^[SEP] If I can spread love's message, as the Master taught, Then my living shall not be in vain.

My living shall not be in vain, Then my living shall not be in vain,^[L]^[SEP] If I can help somebody, as I pass along, Then my living shall not be in vain.

~ Mahalia Jackson

Dorothy Lee Watson Levy, 79, departed her earthly home at Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. She was born in Pinewood, South Carolina to the late Leon Watson, Sr. and Mozell Kelly Watson. She was married to Roosevelt Levy on May 23, 1957 and from this union, six children were born.

At an early age, Dorothy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Prior to her death, she was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Sumter, SC where she was active in several organizations: Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Stewardess Board, and the Soup Kitchen. She was also well known for her outstanding collard greens and potato salad at the church picnics.

Mrs. Levy was a graduate of Lincoln High School in 1954. She later received training as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and worked for NHC National HealthCare. She also provided private sitting services for nursing home residents. She was known for her community service activities and served as an advocate for her community apartment residents.

Family was very important to Dorothy and she somehow managed to make all of her children feel uniquely special and loved. She was very proud of her grandchildren; attending birthday parties and graduations were memorable events she cherished. She enjoyed music, particularly church hymns; singing them was her favorite past-time. She also loved to dance.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Levy was preceded in death by her sister Ada Moses Isom; brothers, Charles Watson, Sr., Leon Watson, Jr., Alvin Watson, Sr., Robert Watson, and Julius Watson, as well as a son, Timothy Paul Levy.

To cherish the memory of this beautiful matriarch, Dorothy leaves: two sons: Solomon (Darlene) Levy, Macon, GA and Simon Peter (Vicky) Levy, Sumter, SC; three daughters: LaVerne (James) Jackson, Irmo, SC, Janet (Conroy) Jackson, Columbia, SC and Jacqueline (Kevin) Curry, Columbia, SC; former daughter-in-law, Jenefier Levy-Gadson, Sumter, SC; one sister, Susie Mae Witherspoon of Sumter, SC; twelve grandchildren (in order of oldest to youngest): Melody Levy, Brian Bowen, Courtney Jackson, Justin Bowen, Cory Bowen, Tiffany Levy, Jasmine Jackson, Kevin A. Curry, Laken Levy, Kayla Levy, Kirsten Curry and Simon Levy II; three great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Homegoing Service

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
421 South Main Street
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Lee Watson Levy*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My condolences go out to the entire family. I am a member of the Lincoln HS Class of 1954. Treasure the rich memories you have of Dorothy. May God's grace and love cradle you throughout your grie*

Arthuree Loney Ricks - February 16, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *To the Levy family, Our condolences, love and many prayers for now and the coming days. May the Good Lord keep and hold you till you can stand again on his promises of seeing her again. Love, James & Michelle Frye and family*

James Frye - February 15, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Share a memory of Dorothy Lee Watson Levy or send condolences to the family*

TO MY GOLDEN GIRL MY AUNT DORTHY..AUNT DORTHY YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR WINGS..YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR ETERNAL PEACE IN THE MIGHTY KINGDOM..SLEEP MY LOVE TILL WE ALL MEET AGAIN..TO MY FAMILY I'M SO SORRY I WAS NOT ABLE TO BE THERE BUT I'M WITH YOU IN LOVING SPIRIT 💖💖



YOUR LOVING NIECE APRIL

APRIL WATSON - February 14, 2016 at 11:10 PM



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“ *Brandi Ray, Kristi Booker, Shakira Brown, Tracey Hawkins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Dorothy Lee Watson Levy.*



Brandi Ray, Kristi Booker, Shakira Brown, Tracey Hawkins -
February 14, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Watson Levy.*



February 12, 2016 at 04:31 PM

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“ *Your C-130J Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Lee Watson Levy.*



Your C-130J Family - February 12, 2016 at 10:43 AM