



Dorothy A. Pride

August 26, 1922 - March 18, 2026

Dorothy “Beautiful” Pride, 103 Centenarian was born in Denmark, Tennessee on August 26, 1922, to the late William Porter, Sr., and Clara Louise Williamson. She is the sixth child of fourteen children. She met her husband, the late, Reverend William M. Pride, II while attending Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee. They were blessed with 11 children.

Dorothy joined Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church in 1945 and has served as a member of the Choir, Sunday School Department, Vacation Bible School, Leader of the Rossie T. Hollis Children’s Circle and as Devotion Leader for Stewardess Board II. In addition, she served as President and Vice-President of the Missionary Society and Treasurer of the Stewardess Board. She was the First Lady during Rev. Pride’s tenure for six churches. She was recently honored at Hamlett Chapel C.M.E. Church on February 22, 2026, as one of three Fruit of the Spirit Matriarch Awardees.

Dorothy served in many positions in support of children and youth. She worked as a Teacher’s Assistant in the Chattanooga Public School System, Transportation Aide, Group Leader of the Second-Grade Class at Founder’s House of the Girls Club and as an In-Store Demonstrator for the BI-LO Grocery Stores.

Dorothy had a keen sense of humor. She was an avid reader, adventurous,

ambitious and always seeking to learn. Even at the age of 99, she completed the computer course Tech Goes Home Digital. She had a Face Book account and kept up with the latest technical things from her Alexa Device. She enjoyed gardening, watching her favorite TV Show, "Wheel of Fortune", spending time with her children, grandchildren, traveling, and attending her weekly meetings as a member of Widows Harvest Ministries. She enjoyed serving in her church and hearing her favorite songs, "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation"; "If I Can Help Somebody" and "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand."

She was preceded in death by her parents; 12 siblings; husband of 64 years, Rev. William M. Pride, II; daughter, Clara Robinson; sons-in-law, Randall Pinkerton and Ronald Robinson.

Mrs. Pride is survived by her 10 children, her devoted daughter and son who were always by her side, G. Ruth Pride and David Pride, Bettie (Clinton) Johnson, William (Virginia) Pride, John (Sylvia) Pride, Robert (Peggy) Pride, Bertram (Jojuan) Pride, Arnedo (David, Jr.) Wilson, Rosetta Vashti (Walter) Laffittie, and Andrew (Lynn) Pride; sister, Helen Burt; 25 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Dorothy will lie-in-state on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the Chapel with Rev. Clintina J. Powell as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below to view the service.
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Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR **26.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

MAR **26.** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR **26.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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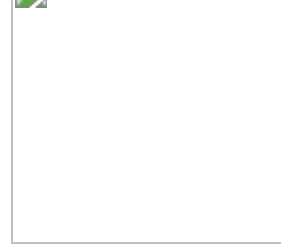
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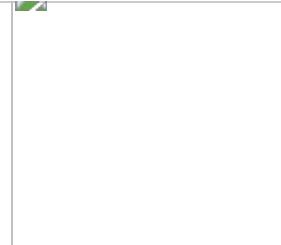
“ *Vincent Robinson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*



Vincent Robinson - April 01 at 01:59 AM



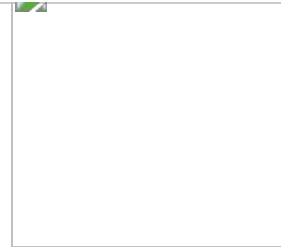
“ *My sincerest condolences for the loss of your beloved Mother (Mrs. Dorothy Arnedo Williamson Pride). Her LOVE lives on in the lives She touched so deeply. 🙏💕🌹*
Yvonne White-Williams



Yvonne Wiliams - March 30 at 12:56 AM



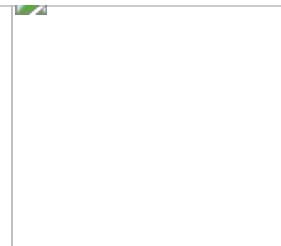
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Yvonne White-Williams
Memphis TN



Yvonne Wiliams - March 30 at 12:53 AM



“ *Ronnie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*



Ronnie Thomas - March 27 at 05:11 PM



“ *Mrs. Pride is one of God's most precious flowers. She spoke with kindness, acted with kindness, and never met a stranger. Her life is a pathway to the Heavenly Father. Her footsteps are deep in the ground for many generations to follow. Her smile and her presence will be missed. Bettie and David and to the other family look to the Most High God for strength during this time of sorrow.*

With Dep Sympathy, and Love,

Rev. Wilhemenia Hogg

Wilhemenia Hogg - March 27 at 01:18 AM

MT

“ *Mother Pride a memory of her wonderful spirit of love caring for each Person she met. She was more than my neighbor . A kind motherly humble spirit to me showing love always. I will miss her presence. Thanks for your beautiful life. Your other family member Mary Ann*

Mary Thompson - March 26 at 08:15 PM



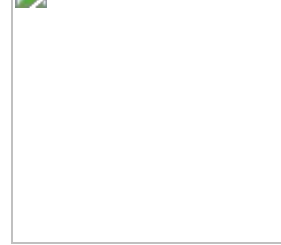
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Dwight Williamson II - March 26 at 03:28 PM



“ *Sending continuous prayers to the family.*
-Tamara Puckette



Queen Nandi - March 26 at 02:06 PM



“ *Lamunika Eberhart lit a candle in memory of*
Dorothy A. Pride



Lamunika Eberhart - March 26 at 01:41 PM



“ Her name was not only what she was called, but a reflection of how she lived—full of grace, dignity, and a quiet strength that left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her. She carried her “Pride” not in boastfulness, but in kindness, in warmth, and in the way she made others feel valued and loved.

Mrs. Pride was my grandmother, Mary Rooks Griffith’s, dearest friend. Growing up, I heard countless stories about her, and later in life, I was fortunate enough to spend time with her myself. Being in her presence felt like being wrapped in the comfort of my grandmother once again—a gift I will always cherish.

It brings peace to know that they are reunited now, two dear friends together again in Heaven. What a beautiful reunion that must be.

Mrs. Pride truly lived up to her lovely name, and she will be remembered with deep admiration and affection.

*With love and sympathy,
– Rooks Family*

Lamunika Eberhart - March 26 at 01:40 PM



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Vera Merriweather - March 26 at 12:36 PM



“ *Such a joy to be in the presence of! I had the privilege of joining Dorothy for this last Thanksgiving and I never saw her without a smile! Greatful for being in your love thank you. -Kevin ❤️*

Kirk Kautter - March 26 at 02:39 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy A. Pride.*

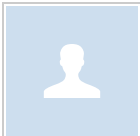
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Dwight Williamson - March 26 at 01:22 AM

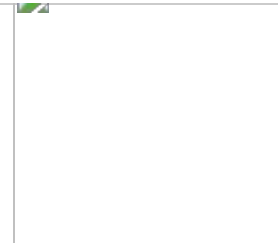


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March 26 at 12:58 AM



“ *Marcia Smith lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*



Marcia Smith - March 25 at 07:49 PM



“ I enjoyed a special relationship with Mother Dorothy Pride. We were both born on August 26th. I always admired her kindness and her sweet, soft-spoken demeanor. Yet, it always puzzled me and amused me at the same time that this seemingly quiet lady undeniably kept a family of eleven active children firmly in check, held down jobs, worked in the church and the community, and kept a garden, all while never looking any worse for the wear. As I do not reside in Chattanooga, I last saw Mother Pride when she surprisingly walked up to me at my sister's funeral last year. What a special moment that was for me! I light this candle in reverence and comfort to her family and in loving memory of a life well lived.

Frances A. Grimes

Frances Grimes - March 25 at 05:12 PM



“ I pray the Lord wrap his arms around your ohana and bring his peace and comfort❤️

Kim Smith - March 25 at 04:20 PM



“ Sending my prayers and aloha may the lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine upon you❤️

Kim Smith - March 25 at 04:17 PM

SR

“ May God continue to bless you during this most difficult time. Praying for strength, comfort, and a peace that surpasses all understanding.
Love in Christ,
Sheliah Johnson Rivers

Sheliah RIVERS - March 24 at 01:38 PM

V

“ We offer our sincere thoughts and prayers to the Pride and Johnson families. May the prayers and loving memories sustain each of you during the days ahead. May God bless and keep you is our prayer.
Vincinetta Brown and Family.

Vincinetta Brown - March 24 at 09:31 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Pride family. We are praying for strength and peace to get you through the journey ahead 🙏

Michael and Beverly Baker

Beverly Baker - March 24 at 03:23 AM

SM

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the family of Ms. Dorothy Pride.

Sadie Monterio - March 23 at 10:40 PM

VC

“ Valerie Chapman lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride

Valerie Chapman - March 23 at 03:29 AM

MB

“ Marilyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride

Marilyn Brown - March 23 at 02:00 AM

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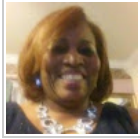
“ My Condolences to the family.

Cyzanne Cothran - March 22 at 11:55 PM

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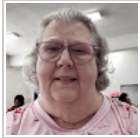
“ My condolences to the family.

Cyzanne Cothran - March 22 at 11:55 PM



“ *Ruth Auls lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*

Ruth Auls - March 22 at 06:13 PM



“ *To the Pride family: I am sorry for your loss. Ms. Dorothy will be greatly missed at Widow's Harvest on Tuesday mornings. She was a precious, sweet lady. I tried to stay on top of calling her, when she and Ruth missed more than a week. My prayers are with you all.*
Cheryl Warman

Cheryl Warman - March 21 at 05:33 PM

JS

“ *James And Linda Shropshire lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*



James and Linda Shropshire - March 21 at 12:42 PM

JS

Mrs. Pride was such a kind and friendly woman. Never a stranger and always a shining light to us. I thank God for the times we were in her presence.

James and Linda Shropshire - March 21 at 12:52 PM

L

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. -
The January family



LaWaunda January - March 21 at 09:07 AM

KJ

“ Cousins Clinton, and Betty I'm so sorry 😞 for your lost. Cousin Betty your Mom is a 👑 Queen in every way. She was spunky, and classy lady ❤️! I'm praying 🙏 for your family ❤️ to be strengthen by the power of the Holy Ghost with Comfort. I always asked about her. She will never be forgotten. Your family ❤️ have my deepest condolences. If there is someone who don't know Jesus Christ Ms. Pride lived her journey, but those who remain have a opportunity right now to give there lives before it's eternally to late. Romans chapter 10:9. A,B, and C 🔥! I love y'all your Cousin Keisha January A.K.A. 👑👑 Lady Queen Queisha ❤️

Keisha January - March 21 at 02:44 AM

“*In Loving Memory of My Grandmother, Dorothy*
I have written many reflections about my grandmother, Dorothy. To me, she was never “grandma” or “nana”, she was always Grandmother. Even in the smallest details, she was distinct and dignified. Finding cards addressed to “Grandmother” was often a challenge, and “great-grandmother” was never quite printed as it should have been. Still, titles could never fully capture who she was to me.

My grandmother was truly a remarkable woman, and I recognize that a significant part of who I am today is because of the prayers she faithfully lifted on my behalf. Her life was a quiet testimony of love, faith, and devotion.

Her home was a place of comfort and peace. Her hugs were certain, and she brought a gentle sweetness to everything she did. Whether through a warm meal, a kind word, or simply her presence, she made everything feel right. There was always something waiting for you, food for your body and care for your soul.

She was generous in spirit, ensuring that no one left her home empty-handed or empty-hearted. Though she lived simply, she gave abundantly. Her love extended beyond her family to all those she encountered.

She possessed a gift with words that encouraged and uplifted me from my early school years through my college days. No matter the distance between us, she remained constant, sending cards, writing letters, and making calls just to say, “I am thinking of you.” She checked on me in times of trouble and celebrated with me in times of joy. I still treasure the sound of her voice, including a voicemail she left to ensure my family was safe after a winter storm.

Her birthday calls were a cherished tradition, joining with family to sing and to bless me year after year. These moments, though simple, are now among my most treasured memories.

While I could wish for more time, I find peace in knowing she is now free from pain and sorrow. Her legacy lives on in the memories she created, the lessons she taught, and the love she gave so freely.

She taught me to love my neighbor as myself and showed me, through her life, what it truly means to love God with all one’s heart.

My maternal grandfather once said that photographs are a record of our lives. I am grateful for those records, but even more for the memories etched deeply within my heart. As I continue this journey of life, I carry with me the precious gift God granted in allowing me to have her as my grandmother, and in blessing my daughters with her presence as well.

I remember with gratitude and love. This is not goodbye, but “until we meet again.”

I love you, Grandmother. Thank you for loving me just as I was.

As it is written:

“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.” — Matthew 25:23

cj powell - March 21 at 01:02 AM



“*Mrs. Pride will surely be missed. She was a lovely lady. She always had a smile. And she was encouragement to all her met her. May God be with the family at this time. God Bless.*

Ethel Jones

Ethel Jones - March 20 at 08:31 PM

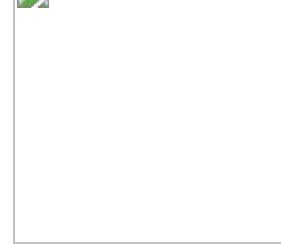


“*Mrs. Pride will be missed. She was such a lovely lady and always had a smile. She was encouragement to all she met. May she rest in peace. And her family has my sincere condolence. May God walk with you at this time. Remember the good times. God Bless*

Ethel Jones - March 20 at 08:29 PM



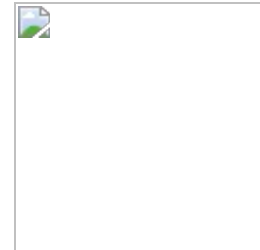
“ *What a beautiful lady, with a sweet spirit*



Vincent Robinson - March 20 at 07:44 PM



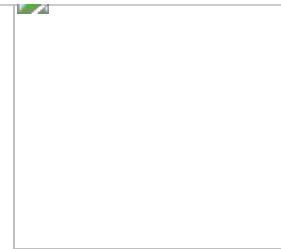
“ *Losing a parent is an unimaginable pain at any age. Secretary, Mrs. Bettie P. Johnson please remember that you're not alone in your grief. Lean on the love and support of friends and family as you navigate through this difficult journey. Condolences to the entire family. May she rest in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One of the executive board members of your AARP Chapter #22 Chattanooga Gracelia Moore.* 🕊️



Gracelia Moore - March 20 at 06:49 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Pride family.. I have been knowing Mrs. Pride all of my life. Our families go way way back.. Mrs. Pride was such a sweet, kind , humble woman of God.. She will be missed. With warmest sympathies and condolences.. Vilna L. Cross..*



vilna cross - March 20 at 03:36 PM

CB

“ *CAROLYN BAILEY lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*

CAROLYN BAILEY - March 20 at 01:55 PM



“ *Carla Palmer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*

Carla Palmer - March 20 at 02:01 AM

BC

“ *Condolences to the entire family. Mrs. Pride always greeted me with a smile and kind words. She was truly an amazing woman of God.*

Betty Chambers - March 19 at 07:10 PM

TS

“ *Thailia Smith lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Pride*

Thailia Smith - March 19 at 03:10 PM

JF

“ Our *SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF OUR BELOVED MEMBER AND MOTHER OF THE WIDOWS HARVEST MINISTRIES. MRS PRIDE YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED. ..REST IN PEACE. ..UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN . WE ARE PRAYING. STRENGTH FOR THE FAMILY. ANDY AND THE W.H.M*

JOYCE FEARS - March 19 at 12:52 PM

AW

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Pride. She was a lovely lady with a kind heart. Praying that God will strengthen you during this time.*



Allene Ward - March 19 at 11:47 AM