

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Gary Miller, Presiding
Antioch Baptist Church
Bowman, South Carolina

Prelude Dr. Kelvin Lemon
& Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Combined Choir

Processional Clergy and Family
Medley of Songs

Final Viewing

Hymn of Praise FMBC Combined Choir
“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

Scriptures:

Old Testament Reverend Dr. Ethel Lemon
Light Hill Baptist Church
Foreston, South Carolina

Psalm 15

New Testament Reverend Annie L. Riley
Mt. Hope Fire Baptized Holiness Church
Pinewood, South Carolina
St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Dennis Jeffcoat
Greater Blessings Missionary Baptist Church
St. Matthews, South Carolina

Solo Evangelist Dr. Sharon Mellette

Kindly Reflections (**Three minutes, please**):

Church Deacon Clyde Gibson
Community Mother Lillie Blackwell
Friend Mother Vivree Green
Family Deacon Joe James, Brother-in-law

Acknowledgements Evangelist Cassandra Bosier

Solo Reverend Dr. Tryone Cummings

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Sam Willie Whack, Jr.
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
Manning, South Carolina

Selection FMBC Combined Choir

Directions of Funeral Director Samuels Funeral Home

Recessional FMBC Combined Choir
Medley of Songs

Committal, Benediction and Interment
The Faith Center Cemetery

Repast

**Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
Manning, South Carolina**

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Casket Bearers

Nephews

To “Dot”

*To Our Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great
Grandmother, Sister, Sister-in-law and Aunt*

Although we may not have told you as often as we should have, we are sure you knew how much we loved you. Your leaving us is such a hard load to carry, but we know the Lord knows best and never makes a mistake. Therefore, we do not question His judgement. Now you are singing with the angels and feeling no more pain. All we can do now is hold to God’s unchanging hand and the wonderful memories of you. And we have so many. You have made such a strong impact on us and we wish we had the chance to tell you this. We want to reassure you “Dot” with God’s help that we will take care and to make sure your expectations and dreams are fulfilled. Saying good-bye to you is hard, but loving you the way we love you is easy. We’ll miss you dearly and will always love you.

~Forever, Your Children, Grandchildren,
Great Grandchildren, Sisters,
Brothers and Family

In Appreciation

The family of the late **Dorthina “Dot” Smith Hilton** wishes to express this thought:

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there;
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words, as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar;
Whatever you did to console the heart,
We thank you so much ~ Whatever the part.
May God bless you.

The family appreciates your many prayers, deeds of kindness, thoughts of love, and your attendance at the service.

Special thanks to Hope Health of Manning, McLeod Hospice of Florence, Amedisys Home Health Care and Staff, Mrs. Erica Caldwell and Advanced Care Management, Mrs. Margaret Parker and Carolina United Healthcare and Staff for all acts of kindness and services provided.

~ The Smith-Hilton Family

~ Services Entrusted To ~

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Life Reflections of Dorthina “Dot” Hilton

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

II Timothy 4:7-8

Dorthina “Dot” Smith Hilton entered into eternal rest on August 11, 2026 at her residence in Manning, South Carolina.

Dorthina, daughter of the late Clifton Smith, Sr. and Mary Moore Smith was born June 3, 1947 in Manning, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by one brother, LD Smith.

Dorthina received her formal education in the public schools of Clarendon County.

She was reared in a Christian home. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Later, she joined Mt. Calvary Fire Baptized Holiness Church. While serving as a faithful member, she was the President of the Senior Usher Board, President of the Young People Institute, Chairperson of the Kitchen Committee, a Missionary and on the Pastor's Aide Board. In the year of 2024, she was lead by God to return to her home church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a faithful member until her health failed.

She was joined in holy matrimony to her loving husband, the late Johnnie Hilton, Sr. They were married for 51 blissful years. This union was blessed with five glorious children, one son, Johnnie, Jr. and one daughter, Rose Hilton preceded her in death.

Dorthina worked for many years as a wonderful cook at Willow-Glen Academy and a sitter for the elderly at Lake Marion Nursing Home. She was a devoted wife, an amazing mother, a caring and loving grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend. She made sure her children and grandchildren want for nothing. If she had it, they had it. Her home was their shopping spot. She did it with love and a willing spirit. She enjoyed life attending Church Conventions, shopping, baking and cooking.

Those left to cherish her loving memories: one vibrant daughter, Verner Hilton; two caring sons, Ronald (Tanya) Hilton & Tyrone (Dejon) Hilton; five sisters: Lucille McFadden, Rose Mary Burkett, Brenda (Joe) James, Linda (Darren) McCray and Ida (Bobby) Jones; eight brothers: Leroy Smith, John Henry Smith, Clifton Smith, Jr., Homer (Sarah) Smith, Nelson (Odessa) Smith, Albert Smith, Jeremiah (Donna) Smith and Isaiah Smith; five sisters-in-law: Shirley Smith, Juanita (Willie) McFadden, Lillie M. (Floyd, Sr.) Blackwell, Johanna (Maceo) Pack & Mahalia Taylor; two brothers-in-law, James (Roberta) Hilton & Earl (Mable) Hilton; beautiful granddaughter reared in the home, Yvonne; six additional grandchildren, Marcus, Rashad, Raquel, Justin, Javaun & Journey; one precious great grandson, Cyncere; one adorable great granddaughter, Naomi; a dear friend and caretaker, Mrs. Willie Mae McKnight; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory

of

Dorthina “Dot” Smith Hilton

Sunrise

June 3, 1947

Sunset

August 11, 2026



“All Together Again”

To My Loving Family

“When Tomorrow Starts Without Me”

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
all filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name
and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready in
Heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I
dearly love. But as I turned to walk away,
a tear fell from my eye, for all life,
I'd always thought I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for and so much yet to do,
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for awhile,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

~Love, “Dot”

Precious Memories

