

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free*



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Dorothy “Dot” Hart would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your thoughts, deeds, kind words, and expressions of sympathy during this most difficult time. We are thankful for those that traveled from near or far to be with us and share your condolences for “Dot”. Special thanks to Davita Dialysis Clinic, who took great care of “Dot” for almost 25 years. We are grateful for the comfort, companionship, and love that you all shared with us to honor her memory. May God bless you.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
*Dorothy Laverne Hart*  
*July 30, 1943 - March 7, 2024*



# Dorothy Hart's Life Journey



Dorothy Laverne (Thomas) Hart, the oldest child of Isaiah Thomas and Betsey Frances (Wilkerson) Thomas, was born on July 30, 1943. She was delivered by a mid-wife at the family home. To this union, three children were born. Their second child was born on Dorothy’s 6th birthday, July 30, 1949.

Dorothy, known affectionately as "Dot", attended D.T. Howard High School and Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, GA. She also spent some time in Chicago, IL and Kalamazoo, MI.

She had a very outgoing and spunky personality in her younger years. She was very passionate about ministering about the love of Christ and speaking life into others.

Dorothy married young and spent many years as a homemaker. She loved decorating and beautifying the places where she lived. One of her joys in life was shopping and finding unique and noteworthy items to enhance the beauty of her home. Her house was immaculate!

Dorothy spent several years working in hospitality at Terrace Garden Inn, in the Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta. She also worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in Charlotte, NC.

Later in life, Dorothy met and married Julius Hart. Together, they raised four loving children. They were married until his death in 1993.

One of the amazing qualities of “Dot” was that she had a very generous heart and a giving spirit. She would often shower her family and friends with small tokens of love and appreciation, whether it was your birthday or not. She adored children and took pride and concern in her grandchildren, nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, and cousins.

She will be remembered for her spunky attitude, her inspirational words, and her giving spirit always.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her mother, Betsy Francis Thomas; her father, Isaiah Thomas; her grandson, Brandon Watts; and her younger brother, Robert Lee Thomas.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Four children; Julius Hart, Jr., Jacquelyn Watts, Anthony Hart (Mencia), and Linda Hart; one brother, Isaac Thomas (Lillie); one sister-in-law Adrienne Thomas; one uncle Sylvania Wilkerson (Theresa); one play daughter, Connie Echols; fifteen grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Order of Service

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 | 1:00 p.m.

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ELIZABETH CHAPEL

*Reverend Dr. Gregory A. Sutton, Officiant*  
*Pastor of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church*

Prelude

Processional

Clergy

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament

The New Testament

Rev. Larry Bussey

Prayer

Rev. Selma Smith

Solo

Rev. Scarlett Webb

Poem

Sadie Gray

Reflections ( 2 Minutes, Please)

Son

Brother

Anthony Hart

Isaac Thomas

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Gregory A. Sutton

Acknowledgements

Alfonso Dawson Mortuary Staff

Recessional

Postlude

## INTERMENT

South View Cemetery

1990 Jonesboro Road, SE | Atlanta, Georgia 30315

## REPAST

Piccadilly Restaurant

Greenbriar Mall

2841 Greenbriar Parkway SW | Atlanta Georgia 30331