

# Comfort

In everybody's garden  
A little rain must fall, or  
life's sweetest fairest flowers,  
Wouldn't grow and bloom at all.

And though the clouds hang heavy,  
So heavy. Oh! My friend.  
I'm sure that *God* who sends the shower  
Will send the rainbow's end.

## Pallbearers

Perry Moore                      Julius Moore  
Brian Day, Sr.                      Aaron Day  
Darius Moore, Jr.                      Michael Day, Jr.

## Interment

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery  
1502 W. Central Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43606

## Arrangements Entrusted To

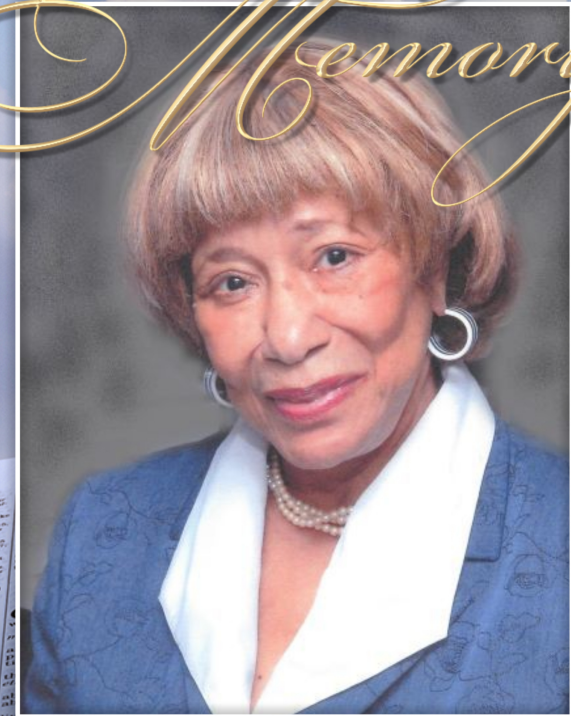
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## Acknowledgments

The family of the late Dorothy E. Day acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, our many friends for their expressions of kindness during the bereavement for our loved one. May God bless each of you.  
-The family

# In Loving Memory



## Dorothy Evelyn Day

*Sunrise*  
March 20, 1927

*Sunset*  
March 28, 2020

Service  
Saturday, April 4, 2020  
12:00 pm

The House of Day Funeral Services Chapel  
2550 Nebraska Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43607  
Bishop Pat McKinstry  
Eulogist



# The Obituary

Dorothy E. Day, "Dot" as she was affectionately called by some, 93, left an outstanding legacy in her community. Her work will definitely speak for her. She was an outstanding wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, teacher, who put God first in her life.. She was a high achiever, especially being brought up during the "Jim Crow" era, as she was proud to say. She left her earthly body on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at The Grove Memory Care Center surrounded by her family.

Dorothy made her arrival in her grandparents' farmhouse in the Mississippi Delta, Sunflower, Mississippi, on the first day of Spring, March 20, 1927 to parents Willie Strong and Jesse Salmond. Although, it was not the best time to be born, with segregation reaching it's highest pinnacle, but fortunately slavery was a thing of the past and she was born into a family of business owners where she was exposed to a better life. Her mother owned a grocery store and instilled in her business and Christian principles at an early age. She was taught how to become an "entrepreneur," working in her mothers grocery story and then selling peanuts, later women's stocking and men's suits. She was even allowed to keep the profits. These are the same principles and values that allowed her to open up many businesses here in Toledo. She used her business skills to open a tax school on Dorr Street, she partnered with Nate Doss, doing other business related projects, she printed church bulletins, performed Notary Services, planned bus trips for the community to different cities, following renowned Gospel ministers. She loved buying properties and fixing them up for resale.

She attended many local churches and often traveled far to take her kids to "Old Fashioned Tent Revivals" around the world. Some of the churches she attended were, New Home Baptist Church, St. James COGIC, Pinewood Tabernacle, Braden UM Church, Tabernacle of Faith, Body of Christ Church, St. Paul AME Zion Church, and Cornerstone Church with her son Michael in later years.

Dorothy attended a strict boarding school, Piney Woods Country Day School, near Jackson, Mississippi where she and her sister both graduated. She attended The University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, IL and graduated from Tennessee State University in 1951, Nashville, Tennessee. She continued her education in the summer by attending Bowling Green State University's summer program and Graduate Studies at The University of Toledo and received elementary certification. She met and married the late Jimmie L. Day and to this marriage, two children were born. Writing had become a serious pastime for her and she first attempted it in high school and ended up publishing her first poem book in 1995.







She was proud of her connection to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s family through her best friend Golaree, who was Coretta's first cousin. She attended many of Coretta's family reunions. She became the founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission in Toledo. She was employed by Rossford Ordinance, Spencer Sharples High School, Lincoln Elementary School, Waite High School, and Libbey High School, where she retired.

In 1964, she and her husband incorporated "Day Funeral Home" in the 1300 block of Nebraska with \$13 starting capital and faith in God. She pursued her Funeral Directors License while teaching school and in 1990 she was blessed to purchase a lot of land and build a Funeral Home from ground up. She was a Licensed Insurance Agent for many years and Notary Public.

She had many interests but the #1 was studying and teaching the Bible. She started the "Youth for Christ Club" where many students were taught strong Christian principles. She would take her students skating, overnight stays at her home (so many that we thought they were our family), sewing, gardening, and furniture refurbishing. She loved the "Elderly", picking them up, attending to their needs, and taking them to church functions. Gospel Music was her favorite. She had many radio programs over the years that touched many lives, broadcasting live from the Funeral Home every Sunday. She loved to travel and traveled extensively. Japan, Korea, Egypt, Greece, Isle of Patmos, Ephesus, Spain, Paris, Turkey, The Bahamas, and many other places. She has received many awards in which she is proud of, The Black Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Woman of the Year 2000, Certification of Appreciation, 2008 Ghanaian Foundation, Minority Business Recognition, and 1990 Business Women of the Year. She never gave up on trying to achieve milestones and even ran for Toledo City Council, encouraging her daughter to do the same. Dorothy was an outstanding public speaker, often times called upon to share the word at public events. She was never at a loss for words and was always studying, fasting, and praying.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie; mother, Willie; step-father, Jim Lewis; father, Jesse Salmond; father who raised her, Chung Lee; and grandmother, Tinnie. Her loving memories will be cherished by her daughter, Cassandra Moore; son, Michael (Alison) Day Sr.; sisters, Mildred Downey of Sunflower, MS, Rita Salmond and Cheryl Barringer; brother, Ed (Verna) Lewis of Buffalo, NY; grandchildren, Perry Moore, Darius Moore, Julius Moore, Michael (Lindsey) Day Jr., Brian (Kimberly) Day Sr., and Aaron Day; 11 great grandchildren; special cousin, Betty Strong, and a host of other cousins, family members, and friends.



# The Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Art Johnson

Processional.....

Opening Prayer.....

Special Section.....Rance Allen

Scripture.....

Remarks.....2 minutes, please

Acknowledgment of Condolences  
and Obituary.....

Musical Selection.....

Eulogy.....Bishop Pat McKinstry

Recessional.....

Organ Postlude.....



*Dorothy E. Day*  
March 20, 1927 - March 28, 2020







## *I Want To Thank You God*

*One day I was driving down the street thinking "when I get to Heaven who do I want to see?"*

*I thought of my mother, grandmother, grandfather, aunts, uncles, cousins, and the many friends who have gone on before.*

*All at once it dawned on me, and I asked myself, "what about the one that came down to earth and gave me life, who saved my soul and set me free?"*

*I exclaimed "Oh God! Your name is above all names and surely you will be the first one that I would want to see". I want to thank you for all that you have done for me! I want to thank you for a deeper walk with thee. I want to thank you for making me a lady that has no desire for alcohol, drugs, lies, and deception, because with you there is "peace within".*

*Written by Dorothy E. Day*





*Your  
Wings Were Ready  
But My Mom,  
Heart Was Not*



*Mom*

*Throughout your life she's there for you in countless little ways.  
To hold your hand and cheer you on, to share her love and faith.*

*She's teacher, nurse, and chauffeur, all rolled into one.*

*Family, friend, confidante, a shoulder to cry on.*

*She fills your life with laughter, she's there to see you through.*

*She loves you just the way you are, no matter what you do.*

*She is a special gift from God, her love it knows no end.*

*Even if she weren't your Mom, you'd choose her as a friend.*

*The world is such a better place and happier by far.*

*Because I had a special Mom to love with all my heart.*

*And though she is in Heaven now with Jesus up above,*

*I'll always hold her in my heart, forever she'll be loved.*



*Your hands were strong yet gentle as you held me in your care,  
You taught me by example every day,  
No matter what I needed, always you were there,  
Without a doubt I knew you'd show the way.  
I meant the world and all to you and you to me,  
Which is why it's just so hard to say goodbye,  
Your leaving let an emptiness deep inside my heart,  
And some days it seems my tears will never dry,  
For though you gave me everything you ever had to give,  
And taught me almost everything I'd ever need to know,  
It simply seemed somehow you always would be there,  
For I simply never learned how to let you go.*

