

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a flower piece,  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you said the kindest words,  
That any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

## *Acknowledgments*

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **DOROTHEA** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*

  
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*In Loving Memory of*



*Dorothea Ernestine Fabbs*

SUNRISE: JANUARY 19, 1923 - SUNSET: APRIL 10, 2025

## *Funeral Service*

Thursday, April 17, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.  
**CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
420 West 145th Street  
New York, New York 10031

## *Interment*

**ROSEHILL CEMETERY**  
Linden, New Jersey

# Order of Service

## ORGAN PRELUDE

HYMN OF COMFORT . . . . . “BLESSED ASSURANCE”

## SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT . . . . . ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT . . . . . JOHN 14:1-6

MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . “WALK IN THE LIGHT”

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RESOLUTIONS . . . . . CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH  
MRS. GERALDINE AUSTIN-HANDLEY  
MS. CASSANDRA CLAYTOR

OBITUARY . . . . . PLEASE READ SILENTLY

MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . “MAY THE WORK I’VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME”  
PROFESSOR GREGORY HOPKINS

EULOGY . . . . . REVEREND BOOKER T. MORGAN  
*Associate Minister*

MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

## RECESSIONAL

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# Obituary

DOROTHEA ERNESTINE PHIFER was born January 19, 1923, to Christine Patterson and Claude Phifer. Dorothea, an only child, spent most of her childhood with her grandparents Graham and Lula Patterson, three uncles, and six aunts. Dorothea, also affectionately called Dot or Dottie, graduated from Davidson High School in North Carolina. Soon after her graduation, Dorothea moved to New York City which was her home for over eight decades.

Dorothea enjoyed a full life in New York. She loved the city and never considered living anywhere else. During World War II, Dot secured employment with General Motors Corporation in New Jersey where she worked for more than 30 years. Dorothea met and married the late Mingo Fobbs in the 1950s.

Although Dot did not have any children, she was a pivotal figure in the lives of her younger cousins in North Carolina, in New York City as well as her neighbors’ children, Justin and Brittani Austin. Dot was generous with her time, often babysitting and hosting family.

Dottie was a member of Convent Avenue Baptist Church for many years. Dorothea enjoyed the worship services and attended regularly. She spent time at the Hamilton Grange Senior Center where she enjoyed the comradery and activities at the center.

Dorothea is survived by dozens of cousins as well as close friends who considered her to be family.

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