

*I do my thing and do your thing  
I am not in this world to  
live up to your expectations,  
and you are not in this world to  
live up to mine.  
You are you and I am I  
and if by chance we find each other,  
it's beautiful*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family wished to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Dorothy Elizabeth Bullard*

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 12, 1934 - SUNSET: MARCH 29, 2020

### *Funeral Service*

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

**BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME**

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

**PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY, *Officiating***

### *Interment*

**THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY**

Bronx, New York

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL..... MINISTER AND FAMILY

INVOCATION..... PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

SCRIPTURE READING ..... MARSHA HUDSON

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION ..... “WIND BENEATH MY WINGS”

OBITUARY..... MELISSA THOMPSON

OPEN TESTIMONIALS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EULOGY..... PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

SELECTION ..... “NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT”

PRAYER ..... PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL..... “LOVE LASTS FOREVER”

# Obituary

**DOROTHY ELIZABETH BULLARD** was an early Christmas gift from God to proud parents Wilford Norman Nembhard and Helen Jane Carty born on December 12, 1934 in Harlem Hospital, New York City.

“Dottie”, as she was affectionately known, grew up with her siblings George “Georgie”, James “Jimmy”, Christina “Christie”, and the youngest, Mary “Mazie” on 117th Street and Seventh Avenue where they learned the value of Faith, Family, Unity, Responsibility, and Respect.

She received her early education at P.S. 184 (formerly on 116th Street between Lenox and 5th) in Harlem NY where she met a lifelong friend in James “Maxie” Nettles. She then went on to Straubennmuller Textile High School (351 West 18th Street NYC) where she was described as “Quiet, delightful, charming and sweet...” by her graduating class of 1953.

Dorothy showed an early passion for the arts in her younger days. She studied many different styles of dance, which helped her to realize opportunities to perform on many levels from local events to venues like the Cotton Club and the World Famous Apollo Theater. Later in life she worked different jobs ranging from telephone switchboard operator, EKG Technician to Physician’s Assistant.

She met the love of her life John C. Bullard and they were wed on New Year’s Day, January 1, 1964. She loved his family and they accepted her with open arms. Together they formed a precious bond that was not understood by some but respected by all. Dorothy became a Godmother at the Baptism of Waynette E. James. Waynette, her daughter (as she is known) has been in the family for over sixty years. Shortly after, John and Dottie were blessed with their son Norman Gregory and later, their grandson Elijah John. They were a loving couple with a big loving family and over the years they have added many “children” along their incredible journey through life. Dorothy was always either known as “Ma” or “Grammy” as Elijah fondly renamed her.

Dorothy was involved with many clubs, causes and organizations over the years. The one she loved the most and called “home” was the Kennedy Community Center. Their endeavor was to offer programs that helped to support educating the youth and the empowerment of the Harlem community through embracing our culture. Her volunteer work there ranged from helping to plan and work events and fundraisers, to committees like the Young Gifted & Black Program that has mentored thousands of young women in their teen years, or by going back to her roots and performing in shows for the community.

Dorothy was very multi talented. She received her credentials as a seamstress in High School so she was well versed in all things sewing. She loved to make her own clothes and costumes. She loved to draw, paint and sculpt. She was excellent with plants. What Dorothy was mostly into was anything that had to do with family. She loved to cook. Food was a passion. She enjoyed nothing more than to have all of the family together. Whether it was for Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas Morning breakfast, a July 4th cookout or block party at 91 with Woody and Irma, whatever reason we could use to bring the family together made her the happiest. She was a very spiritual person. She loved to travel whenever she could.

- DOROTHY IS SURVIVED BY -

**Sons:** Norman and Bradford, Anthony, Shawn, Darnell, Brian K.

**Daughters:** Waynette, Lynda, Patricia, Doretha, Millie, Vivian, Alvida, Lisa

**Grandchildren:** Elijah, Brad Jr., Tanika, Andre, Cliff, Pam, Tina, Sabrina, Carolyn, Raymond, J.J., Sharde, T.J., Aries, Yvonne, Johnathan, Devel, Khrishtan, Malcolm, Xavier and Lilly, Harry V., Keenan

**Nephews:** Gilbert and Robert, B.B., Franco, Barry, Jonathan, Anthony Wi., Shep, Charles, Richard, David, Michael Wh., Bernard, Chris and Timothy

**Nieces:** Terri, Jackita

**Cousins:** Ula, Matilda, Ian, Allen, Anne, Melvina, Andrew, Joanna, Jo Ann, Michael Wr., Vera, Dax, Esau, Kevin, Karen, Kyle, Dorrence, Jason, Whitney, Gerard, CC and Gerard Jr.,

**Life Long Friend:** Maxie, Yvonne C., Marsha, Brenda, Donna

Along with a host of great grands, great great grands, great great great grands, cousins around the world, loved ones, friends and colleagues. If you knew Dottie you knew how it felt to be loved. She will be sorely missed.