



Dorothy E. Hysten

January 22, 1943 - August 31, 2022

Dorothy E. Hysten, 79, of Alton, Illinois, transitioned on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, in Towne and Country, Missouri.

Dottie was born in Alton, Illinois, to the Reverend (Pastor) Joseph S., Sr., and Adele M. (Welsh) Davenport on January 22, 1943. She went to school in Alton, Illinois. She married Robert Hysten in 1968, and he preceded her in death. She then married James Gray on December 5, 2015.

Dottie began working in area restaurants as a teenager. This helped to foster her love of cooking. She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Illinois and Iowa for many years. This helped to nurture her spirit of hospitality. She was then employed as an insulator at Shell Oil Refinery in Roxana, Illinois. She retired from Shell Oil in 1991.

Dottie learned about Christ at an early age at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, where her father was the founding pastor. She continued nurturing her relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, throughout her life. She remained an active church member by working on the culinary committee, as an usher, as a choir member, as part of the Mission Ministry, and helping out anywhere needed. In more recent years, Dottie became a member of The Bridge Church in Alton, IL., under the leadership of Pastor Steven Helfrich. While there, she worked with the culinary, prayer, and greeter

ministry.

As a young adult, she was involved with the civic/social groups Elks Club and Ebonite 10. In recent years, she has been a member of the Alton Section NCNW and a lifetime member of the Alton Branch NAACP.

Dottie loved to cook her entire life and was constantly asked by family and friends to prepare her signature dishes; broccoli/rice casserole, cornbread dressing, sweet potato pies, pineapple upside-down cake, and other dishes she made with love.

She was always so excited to bless others with her dishes. This was truly a gift from God.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph S., Sr. and Adele M. Davenport, her brothers, Joseph S., Jr., and John Spencer Davenport, her sister Artermisher (Bea) Joiner, and a grandson, Aaron Michael Thurman.

Dottie is survived by her five daughters and their families, Stephanie (Joe) Elliott of Alton, Illinois, Constance McFadden of Grandview, Missouri, Annette (Bryon) Williams of Godfrey, Illinois, Lisa (Roger) Lovett of Foster Township, Illinois, and Tamara (Bryan) Thurman of Godfrey, Illinois, two sisters, Ida Johnson of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Mattie Southern of Jamestown, Rhode Island.

She has 15 Grandchildren, JeRon (Kacie) Elliott of Webster, NY, JaMar Elliott of Dallas, TX, SFC Marty Lockett of Fort Irwin, CA, Xavier and Christian McFadden of Kansas City, MO, Candace Williams of Alton, IL, Danielle Williams of Belleville, IL, Erikk Williams, Clarence (CJ) Johnson, Jr., and Nathaniel (Sierra) Phillips of Alton, IL, Regiere Lovett (Mike Miller) of Alton, IL, Rianca Lovett of St. Louis, MO, Riley (Straughter) Guthrie of Collinsville, IL, and Bria and Taryn Thurman of Godfrey, IL.

She has ten great-grandchildren, Claire and Lucy Elliott of Webster, NY, Byron

Williams, Kaydence and Dakota Tolliver of Alton, IL, Rya and Rory Guthrie of Collinsville, IL. Clarence Johnson III of O'Fallon, IL., Cherish Johnson of St. Louis, MO., Caleb Lockett of Ridgeland, MS, and her long-term caregiver, Connie Williams of Alton, Illinois. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, and friends whose lives she has also touched.

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathy M. Williams & Sons Funeral Home LLC
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Tribute Wall

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Danielle - November 16, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DA

“ Danielle lit a candle in memory of Dorothy E. Hysten



Danielle - November 16, 2022 at 05:16 PM

GD

“ Sending love and prayers to the family of Dorothy Hysten!

Please find peace, comfort, and joy knowing that God's Plan Is Perfect!! HE IS SO GOOD!!

WE LOVE YOU!!

Gloria Dickerson - September 10, 2022 at 11:46 AM

PD

“ Deepest sympathy & Prayers to the family of Dorothy Hysten . God bless and keep you.

You are in my prayers 🙏💔

Patricia Denton - September 10, 2022 at 11:39 AM

CB

“ *Deepest condolences to the entire family. May the Lord cover you all with his glorious mercy and everlasting grace. James and Cheryl (Smith)Belcher and family*

Cheryl Belcher - September 10, 2022 at 12:16 AM

LG

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the entire family from across the miles in hopes that it reaches each of you as you all navigate through this most difficult time. Miss Dottie always had open arms for me and I feel so blessed to have had an opportunity to see her when I was last home. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Lisa A Graves - September 09, 2022 at 07:18 PM

SS

“ *Secretary of State DMV Belleville Staff purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Dorothy E. Hysten.*



Secretary of State DMV Belleville Staff - September 09, 2022 at 09:31 AM

SW

“ *Shirlene Wise purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy E. Hysten.*



Shirlene Wise - September 07, 2022 at 11:23 AM

TJ

“ Troy, Joe, Alex, Pat and Jean purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy E. Hysten.



Troy, Joe, Alex, Pat and Jean - September 07, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy E. Hysten.



September 06, 2022 at 01:45 PM

TH

“ My name is Tommie Harris i was an insulator at Shell Oil with Dottie i had most of my Best Times there was with her we call call her Lottie Dottie never a Dull moment with her. GENE Mckinney, and Gary Williams , You Ladies have my Deepest sympathy . My number is (618) 767-0272, if you need anything please call me.

Tommie Harris - September 06, 2022 at 11:06 AM

TC

“ To Stephanie, Annette, Connie and Tammy. So sorry to hear about Dottie, welcomed me to her home and life. Please remember God is in touch and your memories will last forever. Take care and be prayerful. This too shall pass... Love you.

Tony Caldwell



Tony Caldwell - September 05, 2022 at 04:29 PM

PF

“ Pastor Gino Austin and the HCFC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy E. Hysten.



Pastor Gino Austin and the HCFC Family - September 05, 2022 at 11:31 AM

MD

“ Tammy, Nette, & Connie: Sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God give your family strength during this difficult time.

MELODY DAVIS-WILSON - September 02, 2022 at 09:32 AM

MD

“ MELODY DAVIS-WILSON lit a candle in memory of Dorothy E. Hysten



MELODY DAVIS-WILSON - September 02, 2022 at 09:31 AM