



Mrs. Dorothy Ellen Armstead

May 24, 1947 - April 30, 2016

DOROTHY E ARMSTEAD was one of 14 children born to Richard and Frances McMichael on May 24th 1947 In Brooklyn N.Y.

Dorothy attended Thomas Jefferson High school, where she successfully obtained her high school diploma. Also followed by online courses in which she completed. Dorothy met and married her sweetheart James Douglas Armstead Jr. also known as (Pookie) On May 31st 1968. Following their union two children were born Jametta Mary and James Douglas III. Two weeks after they were married James D Armstead Jr. had to leave his family to go serve his country as a United States Marine. He lost his life the same year in the Vietnam war.

Dorothy struggled to move on with her life after the loss of her husband, in which she did over time and she raised their 2 kids Jametta and James to the best of her ability. Dorothy (DOT) became a self employed seamstress, who made everything from wedding dresses to three piece suits. She had many talents including art and design. Dot was a perfectionist for fashion and beauty was her thing.

Years later Dot gave birth to 3 more children: (twins) Eric , Derrick and last but not least Nakijah all who were last named Armstead in memory of her husband. Dot was such a feisty, funny, and out spoken person. Dorothy was a

woman of her word and she touched everyone who stepped foot in her circle in a special way. She was loved by many.

In 1976 she met her companion Ernest Gregory Preston whom she affectionately called Boom. They lived life to the fullest and loved one another unconditionally. As a result of Preston's retirement from the New York City Housing Authority they both moved to Tampa, Florida in 1999. A few years after their stay in Tampa, Dot was again struck with the untimely death of her beloved Preston (Boom) this was a set back which lead her to return to New York with her family. Where she again had to cope and start all over again, and that she did.

Dorothy Preceded in death her mother Frances McMichael, her father Richard McMichael, her husband James D Armstead Jr , her companion and protector Ernest Preston, One sister, Pharmella, nine brothers, Richard Jr. Joseph, Harvey, Charles, Irving, Larry, Henry, Eugene, Prince, and one grandson Eric Bond.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory her 5 children Jametta (Corey) James (Tonya) Eric (Nechelle) Derrick, Nakijah (Aisha) all of Brooklyn, New York. 11 grand children Shakema, Terrell, Shanajia, Tareem, Tylek, Jasmine, Shakim, Shante, Patrick, Roberto and Nakeysha. 5 great grands Isacc, Dj, Isaiah, Dilynn and Ian.

2 sisters Helen Britt and Mary Mcmichael both of Brooklyn, New York. and 1 brother Ernest Mcmichael of Tampa, Florida. 5 sister in-laws Dot Mcmichael of California, Shirley McMichael of Pennsylvania, Shirley Major of Brooklyn, Sandra Lavaud and Robin McMichael both of Florida.

Dorothy also had 2 lovely god daughters Felisha and Shamiah. Followed by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews a great amount of

relatives and a huge amount of friends

Sleep In Peace Dot, Take Your Rest, We Love You But, God Loves You Best.

Cemetery Details

Long Island National Cemetery

2040 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
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Funeral Service

MAY 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 13. 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *missing my moms so much what a strong and funny person, it will never be another like hey. Ms. Dot the one and only*

Nakijah T Armstead - April 12 at 02:54 PM



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Ellen Armstead*

November 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Memories r forever so I stayed on the grounds to see you go down in the ground & cuzzin Pookie go on top until we meet again*

Regina Smith - May 15, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ *I thank her for including our grandson and our family members into the extended family... she would call me and tell me Derek and his friend (RIP) were on their way to pick up little Eric and she would talk to me from the time they left her house until the time they got here or from the time they left and they arrived. Once a month she would buy the boy diapers and the girl diapers and have the two grandchildren together so they would grow up knowing each other God bless this lady for her profound belief in family being together... May she rest in peace.*

Patricia A. Bond - May 15, 2016 at 01:45 PM

DA

“ *Dionne Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Ellen Armstead*



Dionne Anderson - May 15, 2016 at 01:04 PM

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“ *Love you Grandma!*



Terrell - May 15, 2016 at 11:11 AM

PB

“ *God bless this lady who was adamant about the care of her family members. In my grandson's infancy, she made sure that he and his sister knew each other almost from the beginning. Monthly, she would buy a package of pink diapers and a package of blue diapers so that she would have them on hand when they visited. She embraced my daughter and showed love to her family. God bless her and may she Rest in Peace.*

Patricia A. Bond - May 15, 2016 at 10:18 AM

DA

“ In the most magnificence light, I Would like to share one experience of the many I've known throughout my years with aunty 'DOT" there so many that is vag, but this one in particular....I was around 8 or 9 y/o....outside playing jump rope and aunty yells out thr 2-D apt livingroom windo...Andrea come come...everyone knew Adriane but wen aunty said Andrea we'd all knew the store. Upstairs here I go....aunty blasting the song 'let's just kiss and say good bye"" go to the store get me ' Miller Beer".....now I'm back frm thr store.....aunty making all her children school clothes....and by the way jametta outfits were alwaze initial' J & A....she was the only child in P.S. 214 with initial running thru tem hallways with J & A(lovely).....aunty jus a sowen.....she said too me sit down for a second.. .I'd replied aunty its my turn too jump rope....she replied" Hold up'....in my mine never ever knew she meant and played that song ' victim" 5 x and let's just kiss and say good bye 5x....over and over and over and over and over and then I ran back to thr store for sum more beer....til this very day May ,15 2016, a nigga better not say too me let's just kiss and say good bye....ill will look at him aggressively and ask him what the you mean by that....and he better answer quick" bcuz aunty said dont let no MAN say too u"" Let's just kiss and say good bye"" and then she shared with me.....her reasons for playing this song is bcuz wen her Husband was leaving to head back too Vietnam theyd KISS and POOKIE never returned back home....and when the ' Manhattans came out with this Hit that was all she could remember in her soul her Husband leaving. Too have sat around her viewing such an passionate moment is priceless. Too have someone special in ur soul is priceless Too have connected with someone in ur heart is priceless Too have had a song in reflection is priceless Too endure with the endurance of being place back upon the love of ur entire LIFE.....is priceless and remarkable.....I love you AUNT DOT.....DOTTIE & POOKIE ARE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

Dionne Anderson - May 15, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ *Vivian McMichael Boutry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Ellen Armstead*



Vivian McMichael Boutry - May 15, 2016 at 09:56 AM



“ *Ms.Dot was a very strong women and always put me in my place when she had to. Ms.Dot was my mother first friend when my mom moved from PR to NYC. Ms.Dot would take me to her house when I was on punishment and wasn't allowed to go out. Ms.Dot would do anything for anyone. Ms.Dot I can go on about what a great person she was any you rip with my daddy til we meet again*

Donewith Peopleshit - May 15, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dot was my mother the most important woman in my life she lived laughed loved and cursed u out all at the same time. My heart will always have a empty space that no one could fill because she has gone forever... I love you Ma' there will never be Noone like you... ever Rest Up My Love..*

Tee Tee - May 15, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ *luv you Mama Dot!!! S.I.P Baby Girl!!!*

simone - May 09, 2016 at 06:41 PM



Didnt get to meet her personally, but knowing her kids she was a great mother cause she raised her kids to all show respect and their all cool in my book may she sleep in peace !!!

ardenia brown -gowins - May 15, 2016 at 09:54 AM



Love you ma' rest up sexy

Tee tee - May 15, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Grace Funeral Chapels - May 09, 2016 at 09:20 AM



To Brothers and sisters from another mother thank you for sharing mama Dot. Love yall!

K Dubb Pnw - May 15, 2016 at 10:30 AM