



## Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest

December 22, 1933 - September 28, 2015

Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest was born on December 22, 1933, and died on September 28, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 2, 2015, at First Apostolic Church of Louisville with Rev. Michael Halfacre, Bishop Billy Shoulders, and Rev. Glynn Barker officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be given to First Apostolic Church Building Fund or to Missionary Mary Mitchell, c/o First Apostolic Church, 118 E. John C. Stennis Drive, Louisville, MS 39339.

Dot was the loving wife of Millard for sixty years. She also leaves behind her son John, his wife Meg, their child Dustin, all of Louisville; her daughter Jana and her husband Kevin Larson of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Dot came from a family of seven children: Her siblings are Mavis Halfacre (Arthur), Inez Blumenfield, Bobby Reed (Sharon), Joanne Peterson (Maxey), all of Louisville, and Gwen Cooper (Gary) of Hattiesburg. She was preceded in death by her parents J. T. and Eddie Mae Reed and her sister Eloise Hudson. Also many nieces and nephews loved her dearly.

In entering the rest of her beloved Savior Jesus Christ, she leaves a legacy of giving, caring, sharing and nurturing the next generation. She not only impacted the lives of her children and her grandchild Dustin, but also the lives

of every niece, nephew, great niece and great nephew. She believed that each could do more than he himself or she herself thought possible. Each one could show mementos of time spent with her or of evidence that she was thinking of them. One niece commented, "She just made me a better person."

However, she reached out not only to her family, but her church also held great importance in her life. She served as a Sunday School teacher and youth leader. Two of her former students recently remarked, "She is the best Sunday School teacher I ever had." She used her creative talent to adorn the church sanctuary and fellowship hall with fresh flower arrangements. She served wherever she saw a need.

Her impact, furthermore, went beyond family and church. Some people help to shape a community, to strive to make it a good place to live. Dorothy and Millard were some of those folks. Even though they had no physical business in Louisville, they have been long-time members of the Winston County Chamber of Commerce. Dot was honored by that entity in 1995 as "Woman of the Year" for her service to church and community.

A charter member of the Red Hills Art Association, she actively helped make that group a well-known name in our region. Her paintings have won many blue ribbons and Purchase Awards.

From the 1960s to 2013 when she became ill, she was a faithful worker in the Town and Country Garden Club, where she served as president. She put arrangements in the library and one of the other members recalled, "The head table at the Chamber of Commerce banquet was hers to decorate because she was so creative and used unusual elements in her designs." Alderwoman Frances Ball also said, "I never heard one negative word about her. I remember how I admired Dot and Mavis when they were young. They dressed so neatly, every hair in place. The Reeds were just good, good

people.”

Dorothy DePriest was a godly person, a homemaker, a family person, a community person. And over and over, people have said, “What a sweet, sweet person, a dear friend!”

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive  
Louisville, MS 39339

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Apostolic Church  
115 E. John C. Stennis Drive  
Louisville, MS 39339

## Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Massey Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest*



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**Nowell Massey Funeral Home** - October 02, 2015 at 09:24 AM



“ *Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Some of my fondest memories were of Dorothy and Mallard. She was a true Christian and a southern lady. You will be missed but not forgotten. Praying for all of her family.*

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**Debra Kitchens-Thrasher** - June 15, 2016 at 02:39 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers during your time of sorrow.*

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**Lisa Blanset** - October 08, 2015 at 09:16 AM

RA

“ *She was my sunday school teacher when I was a child. I looked forward to sunday school because of her ability to teach the sound truths of the bible. I loved the way she told stories that I could relate to about how the power of God moved on the lives of people. I was an inscure kid and was horrible at art, but during vacation bible school I was trying to do an art project and she gave me individual attention and made the art project look good.*

*She was such a wonderful women of God and such an example of selfless giving. I pray for the family as they grieve that the holy spirit would comfort them.*

*Ralph Arnold*

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**Ralph Arnold** - October 04, 2015 at 08:13 PM

GB

“ *I have had the privilege of getting to know the DePriest family through my wonderful sister-in-law, Leah. I love the whole family and have been in awe of the love they share with each other. Leah's Aunt Dot was such an incredible Christian woman and an inspiration to all who knew her. I know you will miss her but she's now reaping the rewards of a life well lived.*

*We love ya'll,*

*Gina and the rest of the Brockinton Family*

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**Gina Brockinton** - October 03, 2015 at 09:28 PM

MH

“ *My prayers are with you.*

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**Mrs. L.D. Hill** - October 02, 2015 at 10:50 AM

LM

“ I am so thankful for Aunt Dot's faith and faithfulness to our Lord. We had her and Uncle Millard in our home several summers ago during our church conference. We enjoyed them very much. She loved flowers and would assemble a killer fruit salad each year at our conference. It was a highlight of our meetings to me personally. I am thankful for her talented artwork and writings and will remember her by them for years to come.

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**Leslie (DePriest) Montgomery** - October 02, 2015 at 10:32 AM

JL

“ My thoughts of Dot are "the greatest strengths, stability and talent and always being there for us all with actions and love. I admired her so much.  
Much love Cuz

*Jean Patterson - Ledbetter.*

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**Jean Patterson - Ledbetter** - October 02, 2015 at 10:23 AM

AT

“ Jana - I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your sweet mom. I remember all the stories you used to tell about her and I distinctly remember her gentle southern speech from the few times I met her. I'll be praying for peace and comfort for you in the coming days.  
Anne Williams Tucker

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**Anne Tucker** - October 02, 2015 at 10:20 AM

JK

“ My heartfelt condolences to Millard, children and all the family. Dot was a special lady and will be missed by all. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. God bless all, Joyce Kirkpatrick

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**Joyce Kirkpatrick** - October 01, 2015 at 10:41 PM

JY

“ So sorry for your loss. Many memories of being in church together with Dot and her family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Janie and Benny Yarbrough

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**Janie Adcock Yarbrough** - October 01, 2015 at 10:09 PM

EB

“ Dot was a gracious, kind, godly woman and just to know her was to love her. She was always thinking of others. Her love for her family and others was so very evident. Her talent in art and flower design was amazing.

*My deepest sympathy to this entire family. Edna Bain Bell.*

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**Edna Bain Bell** - October 01, 2015 at 07:59 PM

JK

“ Since the Tornado, we aren't in Louisville. We will never forget our church family. Dorothy was a member of our church family. I was so sad to hear of her passing. She is in her heavenly home. I pray that her family gets the comfort and peace that comes from God.



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**James and Lila Kitchens** - October 01, 2015 at 06:00 PM

BT

“ She was a southern lady and loved God. She was always involved in her church. She was good to me. My heart and prayers for all of her family.



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**Boyd and Debra Thrasher** - October 01, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest.



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October 01, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to the wonderful family. I will be thing of y'all in the days to come.

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**Murray Lowrey** - October 01, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ Frances Woodruff sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest



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**Frances Woodruff** - October 01, 2015 at 02:19 PM



“ I offered my condolences earlier but I didn't give my email address. It is:  
*afcsrice@att.net. Faye Crabtree Rice*

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**Faye Crabtree Rice** - October 01, 2015 at 12:51 PM

MB

“ *Jana and John...though I haven't seen you in years, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother always had such class, forever gracious; a true southern, genteel lady. She was an encourager and a giver; a true Christian lady. I have many memories of her from my childhood. Over the more recent years, she surprised me with a gift or two, gifts that I will treasure always. She will be remembered with love.*

*To Bobby, Sharon, Melanie and Holly, I am so sorry, and I'm praying.*

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**Margaret Coleman Brown** - October 01, 2015 at 12:17 PM

MB

*(I hit submit too soon.) I wanted to add a note to Millard...to let you know I am praying for you, and I am so very sorry for the loss of your precious wife. May God give you sweet peace, my friend.*

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**Margaret Coleman Brown** - October 01, 2015 at 12:38 PM

CF

“ *County Line Penetcostal Church Family purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest.*



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**County Line Penetcostal Church Family** - October 01, 2015 at 11:53 AM

LC

“ Millard and family, my heart goes out to you !! I am so sorry for your loss. But heaven gained a sweet angel !! Sending my love to all of you, this is Liz Sherwood, I was married to Nardah's brother Jim, I remarried I live in Alabama now. I remember you all coming to see us on the farm , I so enjoyed you all ! Dot was a precious Lady !! May God put His loving arms around you!!

Liz (Sherwood) Catlett - October 01, 2015 at 11:16 AM

BP

“ We will always having Loving memories of Dot. Very sad to hear of her death.

Bonnie Patterson-Tucker

Bonnie Patterson-Tucker - October 01, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest.



October 01, 2015 at 09:56 AM

JD

“ When I think of Aunt Dot, I think of how awesome it is that God shared one of His most precious angels with us. In my heart is much love and admiration for the special person she was and I hold fast to my cherished memories. I pray God'said loving arms wrap around you all and bring you comfort. With much love, Jamie Detwiler

Jamie Detwiler - October 01, 2015 at 09:44 AM

KC

“ I loved her so. I will miss her so much. She will always hold a special place in my heart.  
My prayers are lifted up to her wonderful family and especially her best friend, Millard.

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**Kay Crowson** - October 01, 2015 at 09:34 AM

RW

“ We loved time spent with my great Aunt Dot and Uncle Millard at the missions conference. A special memory was when our son was baptized and Dot begin to share with him about his walk as a Christian and the things he needed to look for in a mate, his reply was I sure want a good cook and her chuckle was priceless as she told him Millard taught her how to cook. A gem she was, prayers for strength and peace.

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**Ray, Vonda, and Cameron Ward** - October 01, 2015 at 01:28 AM

GW

“ Dorothy was a wonderful neighbor to my mother Agnes Burrage. She was always there to share my mother's life. I remember when my dad passed she made me a wreath from his grapevines. I felt like she was an important part of the village that raised me. She will be missed by many.

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**Gloria. Walden** - September 30, 2015 at 10:43 PM

GD

“ Aunt Dot had a huge impact on my life. She and Uncle Millard always took time for my brothers and I after we lost our father. Aunt Dot had no tolerance for hubris and always exhibited grace and dignity. John & Jana, thanks for sharing your mother with your cousins. John, I ask your forgiveness for stealing the amalgamation cake she would send in your lunch to the deer woods. That was the best cake ever.. My prayers are with each of you.

*Greg DePriest*

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**Gregory DePriest** - September 30, 2015 at 10:41 PM



“ Uncle John, aunt Meg, Dustin. I love you guys. Stay strong during this time. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Thinking of all of you. You've all made such a remarkable impact on my life and I can't thank you enough.

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**Brett Belin** - September 30, 2015 at 10:08 PM

PJ

“ May God give peace to your family. Prayers from distant cousins. Pat Robertson Jordan,Robertson family.



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**Pat Jordan** - September 30, 2015 at 09:28 PM

TC

“ *Tresia Cooper lit a candle in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest*



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**Tresia Cooper** - September 30, 2015 at 03:10 PM

CR

“ *You will be missed by many. May GOD bless each and everyone of you in your time of sorrow.Cecil Robertson & Family.*

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**Cecil Robertson** - September 30, 2015 at 01:57 PM

DS

“ *Dot was such a sweet , gracious and beautiful lady ; She was very talented as well and a good friend to my Aunt Bernice Pearson. She gave me her recipe for zucchini bread and I will think of her fondly every time I make it .*

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**Dinah Smith** - September 30, 2015 at 12:25 PM

MP

“ *Milton And Norma Patrick lit a candle in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Reed DePriest*



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**Milton and Norma Patrick** - September 29, 2015 at 09:26 PM

JT

“ Aunt Dot we love you and will miss your Great stories of the family history and the encouragement that you were always so willing to share w/ your nieces and nephews!

Your memories will forever be written on our hearts and in our thoughts! Go rest high!!

Love forever,

Leon and Joyce(DePriest) Thompson

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**Joyce (DePriest) Thompson** - September 29, 2015 at 08:50 PM

TE

Ms Dot always had a kind word to say about everyone she met. She encouraged me every time I saw her when I was going through cancer. She was a great garden lady and art lady. She will be greatly missed Teresa Ellis

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**Teresa Ellis** - September 30, 2015 at 08:08 PM

RD

Aunt Dorothy & I made a few jaunts for antiques, treasures & a happy or two. Loved her Southern drawl & Southern way of life. I have a few cherished mementos that I have enjoyed since the 70's & will continue to remember who created such wonderful art for us to enjoy. She will be missed & never forgotten. I will see her again some sweet day. Much Love, Robin DePriest-Cope

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**Robin DePriest-Cope** - September 30, 2015 at 08:08 PM

BH

I am so sorry for the loss of this sweet loved one. My prayers are with all of you.

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**Brenda Fulcher Hardesty** - September 30, 2015 at 08:22 PM

DC

Aunt Dorothy was such a gracious, loving, Christian, southern Lady. She blessed those who knew her with her love, art and giving nature. She will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers are with Uncle Millard and family. May the Lord surround them with His love and comfort!!

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**Darius and Sharon Cooper** - September 30, 2015 at 08:54 PM

NR

*Dot was one of my first neighbors & friends when I moved south. I will always remember talking on the phone with her. She would say what she called for & I'd be talking & realize she was gone. She never said good bye. One very special LADY in all respects .I will miss you& love you forever.sister.*

**Nardah Reed** - September 30, 2015 at 09:16 PM

LD

*I have so many special memories of Aunt Dot since I was a child all the way thru taking our boys to visit their house as well I never left their house without gaining a tidbit of wisdom, a new recipe or something special she shared. She always looked for the good in everyone and forbid you to speak ill against anyone. As a child myself, we were never allowed to eat in the formal dining room at the big table. Aunt Dot and Uncle Millard loved our boys and treated them like their grandchildren. I will never forget the first time they insisted our 3 boys go on home with them from a church service and Bobby and I come later. When we got to their house, the boys were eating popcorn and milkshakes in the formal DR Before the main meal. This is one of many special times we have had with her and Uncle Millard. John, Jana and families, you were Loved beyond measure by your Mother... She Always made sure that she ask us to pray for all of you every time we visited or talking on the phone. Her main goal after you have grown up with a family of your own was to make sure she sees all of you again one day soon. We Love you bunches*

**Lori DePriest Dudeck** - October 01, 2015 at 07:15 AM

DL

*Love and sympathy from the Herbert Hemphill family: Neva Hemphill Roy, Sherrell Hemphill, Dean Hemphill Conn,Wallene Hemphill Lease and Faye Hemphill Hughs*

**David Lease** - October 01, 2015 at 12:44 PM

EK

*I had always seen Dot around town and we always spoke and smiled, but I never really knew her until we became friends at Starkville Cardiac Rehab. Center. We became friends and enjoyed comparing how far we could walk and exercise. She was such a sweet, special person. I shared with her a painting I had of hers. It is the gazebo by the chamber of commerce with a red bird. Your family has Ken and my sincerest sympathy and love. Tibby Koon*

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**Elizabeth "Tibby" Koon** - October 01, 2015 at 02:10 PM

BD

*Special memories of growing up in the same community as the Reed Family. God BLess as you go forward healing in the arms of Christ. Betsy Easley Daffron*

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**Betsy Easley Daffron.** - October 02, 2015 at 12:45 PM