



Dorothea Yumeka Byrd

March 6, 2019

Dr. Dorothea Y. Byrd was born in Jackson, Mississippi on October 17, 1961 to the late Glen and Mary Walker. She made her transition to the Lord on Wednesday

afternoon, March 6, 2019 after a long illness. After graduating from high school, Dr. Byrd enlisted and served 22 1/2 years in the U.S. Army; where she traveled overseas to include Korea, Hawaii, Panama and other various assignments within the Continental U.S.

She met her husband, Pastor Johnny Byrd at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. They married on September 8, 1990 in Alexandria, VA and would have celebrated their 29th anniversary on September 8, 2019.

Dr. Byrd was inspired to further her education by pursuing her Bachelors in Criminal Law and her Masters and Doctorate in Spiritual Counseling.

She served 16 years at Upper Room Covenant Church in Alexandria, VA as 1st Lady. As a Preacher and Teacher, Dr. Byrd also had a passion for the Outreach; which included hosting "Clothes Give-away" events; "Feeding the Families in Crisis" and donating food to an Alternative School in Fairfax County. With her beautiful smile, her compassion always compelled her to place others needs before her own; which made a lasting impression on everyone she met. "Dee", as she was so affectionately called, always remembered God's Word to serve all with a willing heart. (Lord, we thank you for your Gift of Love!)

Dr. Byrd was preceded by her grandmother, Georgia Johnson; three brothers

(Charles Walker, Willie Owens and Glen Walker, Jr.); three sisters (Betty Russell, Deborah Sawyer, Wanda O'Quinn); and one niece, Shorna West. She is survived by husband, Pastor Johnny J. Byrd of Woodbridge, VA; two daughters- Kia K. Diaz of Landover, MD and Milagros Maria Diaz of Alexandria, VA; one grandson- Martis Alexander-Diaz; three granddaughters- Makia K. Diaz-Alexander, Maite Todd and Kristan Yumika Diaz. One brother- Tommy Lee Jackson of Jackson, MS; four sisters- Patricia Atkins (David) of Alexandria, VA; Lolethia Walker of Jackson, MS; Angelina Bennett of Arlington, TX; Donna Stubb of Jackson, MS; one aunt and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192. Services will be held Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Miller Funeral Home at 10 a.m. with interment to follow at Mt. Comfort Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ There’s no words to express how deeply youre missed! TIL we meet again ❤️. Love you Ma❤️❤️🙏. Nothings the same without you

Kia Diaz - March 06 at 12:49 PM

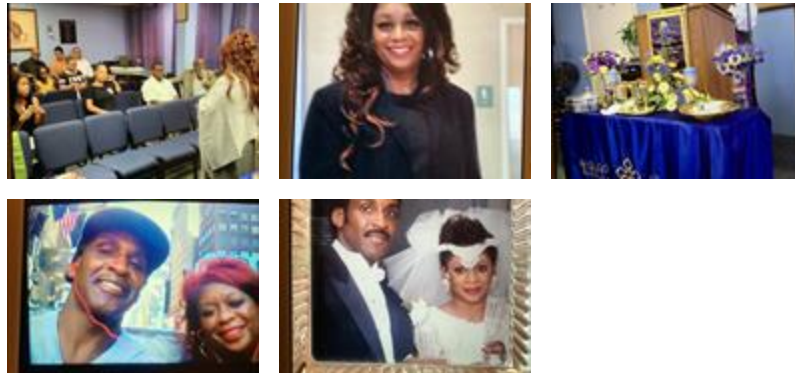


“ Dorotheia Yumeka Byrd

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J BYRD - February 03, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DH

“ I worked with Dr. Byrd at the VA and she was tremendous to work with. She was a "doer" meaning that whatever the task or it's complexity that she undertook, it got done on time and very professionally. Also, she was always helpful and emphatic to many of the challenges that our veterans faced on a daily basis. As a person, despite the pressures that we faced, she always stayed focused and was always cheerful with everyone. Although, I'm sad to hear of her passing, I know that she was welcomed in heaven with open arms. I know that those whom knew and worked with her will really miss her.

David Hyres - April 11, 2019 at 11:56 AM



Katherine Barnoski

“ Katherine Barnoski lit a candle in memory of Dorotheia Yumeka Byrd



Katherine Barnoski - March 25, 2019 at 01:22 PM

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“ From the DTRA-Visual Information Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorotheia Yumeka Byrd.



From the DTRA-Visual Information Team - March 22, 2019 at 02:52 PM

GH

“ *Dorotheia was my first best friend when we were around 8/9 years old. We visited each other homes and she went to my family events as part of the family. We used to jokingly argue about whose mom was the shortest and meanest. Over the years we would lose touch but we always found each other again and talk once again like it was yesterday. My heart hurts not because you are in heaven but because I will not get to see nor talk to you again. You will always be in my heart my sister, so go ahead my angel and spread your wings in heaven with our Lord and Savior. Oh yeah, remember that time*

Mrs Mary took us to school in that old fashioned car and you and I were literally sitting on the floor of the car because we were so embarrassed being dropped at the front door? :-)

Fly high and be at peace!!

Love you always,

Faye

Gretel Faye (Grant) Harris - March 22, 2019 at 02:52 PM



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“ *To the family of our dear sweet lady, we are forever grateful for the sincere love and adoration that you have for and shared with the people of God. Sleep in Peace, Love Always Sharon McNeil and Aleysha and Artasha Jenkins*

Sharon McNeil - March 22, 2019 at 02:00 PM

BB

“ You fought a good fight. Farewell my friend. I will never forget our side chats in the mornings. You will be missed.

Barbara (aka "Cubie") Brown

Barbara Brown - March 22, 2019 at 09:38 AM

JK

“ Mrs.Byrd has been a great inspiration to me , and my daughter. She was my 2nd mother. A woman of God who loved to serve in helping others, and share the word of God. Many times we laughed, and prayed together. Mrs. Byrd fought a good fight she kept the faith. Well done Mother Byrd. Take your rest. To absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. You will be greatly missed. With my deepest sympathy Jewell.



Jewell Kendall - March 20, 2019 at 07:10 PM