



## Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie

March 28, 1933 - November 7, 2020

GILLESPIE, Mrs. Dorothy - Age 87, passed away Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Valley Assisted Care. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, November 14, 2020 at New Creation Church of God, 3472 Lennon Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Herbert Banks, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mrs. Gillespie will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be Viewed from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday. Mary Dorothy Cogwell Gillespie (affectionately known as Dear) was born, March 28, 1933 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the daughter of the late Lewis Cogwell and Artie Catherine Brown Wright. Dorothy came to Flint, Michigan in 1948. She became a member of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. After graduating from Flint Central High School in 1951, she lived in Chicago, Illinois from 1951-1970. Dorothy was a member of Langley Avenue Church of God where she was a faithful secretary to Dr. S. P. Dunn and Dr. E. J. Morris, Jr. She was a member of the trustees. In Chicago, she married Isadore D. James, Sr., from this union there were two beautiful children: Eva Marie and Isadore "Skip" D. James, Jr. After returning to Flint in 1970 she became a member of Twelfth Street Church of God. Dorothy was active as an Usher, Sunday School Superintendent, and a member of the Golden Agers. She married Runnell F. Gillespie in March 1976. She was ordained as a minister on December 2, 2001 by Rev. Sara J. Anderson, Division of Ministerial Credential Church of God. She completed

her education at Eastern Michigan University. Dorothy was employed by Beecher School System and the Flint Community Schools for over 22 years. She became a Life-Long Member of the NAACP in October 1994. Dorothy was one of the original founders of Champions In Christ where she devoted her life to doing what the Lord wanted her to do with his help for his people. She became a member of New Creation Church of God in March 2018.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Eva Marie (David) Yeo of Chicago, Illinois; daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Dudley James of Flint; grandchildren, Isadore Lamar (Tiffany D.) James, Eva (Will) Gibson, Paige James, all of Houston, Texas, George Johnson, Clifford Hughes, Treveno and Skyler Dudley, all of Flint and Joshua A. Yeo of Chicago, Illinois; great-grandchildren, MarQuavious Lamar James, Isis James, Marce Gibson, Maxwell Lamar James, Jalese Gibson, Malachi Lamar James, Micah Lamar James, Mekhi Lamar James, and Malik Lamar, all of Houston, Texas; sisters, Louise V. Herron of Flint and Barbara (Clarence) Hawkins of Bastrop, Louisiana; brother, Grady C. (Barbara) Wright of Centerville, Virginia; special friends, Jennifer Campbell, Kanika Holt, George and Kim Bowden, Queen Wagner, and Dorothy Jones, Janet Woodson, Greg and Pearlene Brown, all of Flint, and West Middlesex, Pennsylvania neighbors; special family, nephews, Ray Simmons, Nathan Herron, Grant Herron and Leonard Dean Herron, all of Flint; great-nephew, Ray O. Huddleston of Ohio; niece, Charnita Delliah Herron of Flint; and a host of other loving relatives and many, many friends.

Rev. Gillespie was preceded in death by her husband, Runnell F. Gillespie; son, Isadore (Skip) D. James, Jr.; parents, Lewis Cogwell and Artie Catherine Cogwell Wright; step-father, Alonzo Wright; 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Herbert Wright, Dorothy Brown, John E. Wright and Lillie M. Wright-Hunter.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Herbert L. Banks and the New Creation Church of God family, Pastor Cynthia Thomas and the

Langley Ave Church of God family, Valley Area Agency of Aging, Right@Home Caregiving staff, Angelic Hospice Care, Valley Assisted Care (LaTonia Fletcher-Townsend), and caregivers: cousin: Mavis Johnson; Dolly Jamieson, Shanta Kent, Lorena Franklin, Florence Jenkins and her nephew Grant Herron.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **13**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

NOV **14**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Creation Church of God  
3472 Lennon Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mrs. Gillespie was a friend of my mother's when I was a child. As a teen and a young adult I would see her when I would though her neighborhood and we would talk. She had a beautiful spirit and I will love you forever.*

**CRYSTAL HESTER** - January 30, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *Candice Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



**Candice Allen** - November 24, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *Ricki Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



**Ricki Brooks** - November 22, 2020 at 12:05 AM

RP

“ Ronnie And Brenda Pate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



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Ronnie and Brenda Pate - November 21, 2020 at 11:27 PM

IH

“ Aunt Dorothy,  
I'm gonna miss you!!!!💖💖💖💖  
To Be Absent From The Body Is To Be Present With The Lord!!!!  
No more suffering with your Diabetes!!  
Rest In The Arms of Jesus.  
It will never be Good~Bye Auntie, Just see you later!!  
Until We Meet Again!!!!💚💚💚  
Fly High & Continue to watch over the Family!!  
Your Niece,  
Ivy Herron



To My Cousin Eva, Aunt Louise & The rest of my family,  
You have another Angel looking down on you guys along with cousin Skip!!!!  
May God Continue to Wrap His Loving Arms Around Each Of You!!!!  
To God Be The Glory!!!💜💜💜

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Ivy Herron - November 18, 2020 at 06:53 PM

TM

“ *Sending love and condolences to the entire family.* ”



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**Tina Moreland** - November 18, 2020 at 05:36 AM



“ *Martha Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie* ”



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**Martha Kennedy** - November 15, 2020 at 04:33 PM

PL

“ *Mrs. Gillespie my former client at H R Block. I fell in love with her the first day I met her. Such a beautiful soul. Rest in peace. My prayers to the family* ”



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**Phyllis Leslie** - November 15, 2020 at 12:17 AM

WH

“ *Wilma Herron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie* ”



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**Wilma Herron** - November 14, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



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**Deidre Spight-Woodson** - November 14, 2020 at 03:39 PM

GE

“ *November 14, 2020*

*Dear Louise,*

*Dorothy excelled at all which she did. She garnered respect from parents, students, and staff at King Elementary School. Her skills of organization enabled her to manage property, facilitate meetings, and lead Bible studies. She was an exemplary friend.*

*Truly,  
G. Elzy*

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**G. Elzy** - November 14, 2020 at 02:35 PM

RG

“ *Rev Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



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**Rev Ira Gilbert** - November 14, 2020 at 09:26 AM

JK

“ *Julie Koger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



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**Julie Koger** - November 13, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie.*



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November 13, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie.*



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November 13, 2020 at 01:23 PM

DM

“ *Deborah D Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



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**Deborah D Moore** - November 13, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie.* ”



November 12, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ *Bernadette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie* ”



**Bernadette Woods** - November 12, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Jesse Davis & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie* ”



**Jesse Davis & Family** - November 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Lisa Blakley Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie* ”



**Lisa Blakley family** - November 11, 2020 at 05:42 PM

ES

“ Eddie & Shirlene Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



Eddie & Shirlene Simmons - November 11, 2020 at 12:25 PM

TF

“ Deepest condolences to the entire family



THE HILL FAMILY - November 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

RM

“ Rest in heaven my dear friend. I love you but God loved you more. Take your rest now. Until we meet again.

Rose Mitchell - November 11, 2020 at 09:25 AM

RM

“ Rose Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



Rose Mitchell - November 11, 2020 at 09:22 AM

TM

“ *Sending love and condolences to the family.*



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**Tina Moreland** - November 11, 2020 at 06:07 AM

DF

“ *We will miss you cousin. R. I. H. Doreen Taylor and The Brown Family*



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**Doreen / Brown Family** - November 10, 2020 at 11:36 AM

MJ

“ *Mavis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie*



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**Mavis Johnson** - November 09, 2020 at 06:29 PM

MF

“ *Rest My Dear Friend and Coworker A Life Well Served*

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**Mr Ray Furlow** - November 09, 2020 at 02:18 AM

VS

“ Venus Spence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



Venus Spence - November 08, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



Pandoretta Jackson - November 08, 2020 at 08:31 PM

LE

“ Lois Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



lois edwards - November 08, 2020 at 08:28 PM

RM

“ My dearest friend whom we shared life experiences, the joys and the sorrows. I am going to miss you. I loved you as a sister. Take your rest now.

Rose Mitchell - November 08, 2020 at 03:56 PM

RH

“ Robbin Hester lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



Robbin Hester - November 08, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RH

“ Mrs. Dorothy James Gillespie was a good neighbor and friend to my mom and our family. She would pick me up and take me to school along with her own children Eva and Skip.

Robbin Hester - November 08, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



Pandoretta Jackson - November 08, 2020 at 08:00 AM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Gillespie family and friends. Praying your memories of this Godly lady will provide a degree of comfort.



Mamie Wiggins - November 07, 2020 at 09:55 PM

TC

“ Tracey Cavette sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mrs. Mary Dorothy C. Gillespie



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**Tracey Cavette** - November 07, 2020 at 11:00 AM