



## Dora Pinkard

October 13, 1929 - December 17, 2024

Dora Pinkard was born October 13, 1929, in Wilson, NC to the late Albert and Sallie Harris. Raised in North Carolina, Dora later moved to New Haven, CT where she married the late Paul E. Lofton. She became a member of Macedonia Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop H. D. Bordeaux, where she served faithfully in various capacities. She loved her Bishop! She served mostly on the Pastoral Aide Committee and the Mother Board gathering people together. She was known for saying “you gotta love peoples!” She remained at her church until Paul's death in 1989. Dora later met and formed a solemn union with the late Pastor James E. Pinkard and became a member of Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ. They loved on each other and enjoyed life to the fullest until his passing in 2002. It was then she returned back to Macedonia.

A mother to many and likewise a true Missionary, Mother Pinkard could be found at any moment taking care of someone. Whether it be feeding, clothing, or simply giving words of encouragement to them, Mother Pinkard used every opportunity she had to serve others. She loved to cook and her specialty was that good ole fashion banana pudding. In the early years of her life, she was a dedicated seamstress for many years before her retirement. She was fascinated with watching old things become new.

Known to many as Sis Lofton, Mother Pinkard, or simply Grumma by her

grandchildren, she leaves to cherish her memories a grandson whom she took under her wings as a son Sylvester Harris Jr. (Doristeen) of West Haven, CT., Jacqueline Daley of New Haven, CT., Angela Saunders of Arlington, TX., Takiyah Williams (Derick) of South Euclid, OH., Jason London, Jamal London, Sharda Mayes, Spencer Harris all of New Haven, CT., La' Quadrick Bullock, and Brittany Bullock of Rocky Mount, NC. 15 great-grandchildren, Bonus son Michael Brown, bonus daughter Joann Newton, bonus grandchildren Megan Pinkard, Shawn A. Fuller, Kayla Pinkard, special cousin Rosemary Sanders and a host of nieces nephews and extended family.

Preceding her in death are her parents; Albert and Sallie Harris, her one and only son Sylvester Harris Sr., 1st and 2nd husbands Paul E. Lofton and Pastor James E Pinkard, two brothers Sylvester Speight and John Thomas Speight; two sisters Beatrice Harris and Irene Thompson, and special cousin Dorothy Jackson.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Viewing Only

DEC **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel  
95 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Elder Henry C. Tappin lit a candle in memory of Dora Pinkard*



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**Elder Henry C. Tappin** - December 30, 2024 at 08:57 PM

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“ *Corine Howard lit a candle in memory of Dora Pinkard*



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**Corine Howard** - December 27, 2024 at 03:34 PM

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*Mother Pinkard is gone, she will live on in the hearts of the masses whose lives she touched along her journey. She touched my life, it was an honor to hear her refer to me as her godson, Mother you have fought your battles in your life and you have finished your battle, may your kindness and the grace and mercy continue to be a source of strength to all who have been blessed to witness the journey that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has placed upon you will return with a great score of Well Done though good and faithful servant! You have fulfilled all your duties as well as fought your battles .  
Mother Dora Pinkard my heart is broken due to the pain of our loss of you. I won't say goodbye, I'll just say I will see you tomorrow. Love eternally, Your godson; Elder Henry C. Tappin, Fayetteville, North Carolina*

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**Elder Henry C. Tappin** - December 30, 2024 at 02:55 AM