



## Dorothy Mae Dailey

February 18, 1936 - November 21, 2022

God, in his divine wisdom, power, and tender mercy, summoned home Dorothy Mae Dailey, age 86, of New Haven on Monday, November 21, 2022 surrounded by her loving family at the Willows.

Dorothy, or “Ma” as she was affectionately known, was born in Winnabow, NC on February 18, 1936, daughter of the late Presoleon and Eva Mae Bell. She relocated to New Haven with her late husband Harry Lee Dailey in order to raise her 8 children. She was previously employed at Seamless Rubber as a machine operator, Parkview Convalescent Home as a nurse’s aide and Yale New Haven Hospital as a clinical chemistry lab assistant where she worked for many years until her retirement.

Dorothy was the true epitome of a matriarch. Any home she resided in was always the meeting place for family functions. She loved her family fiercely, never missing any event in which one of her “seeds” was a part of. She had a special affinity for the color red and always stepped out stylishly dressed. She enjoyed cooking and watching her New York Yankees, especially her favorite player, Derek Jeter. She was a faithful, long-time member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the missionary board. She was one of a kind and will be missed immensely by all who loved her.

She is survived by daughters Nora Dailey, Eva Smith (Vince), Molly, Tharetta,

and Vesta Dailey; her one and only son, Harry Dailey; Godchildren Charles Wilkerson and Lawanda Griffin; 18 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren all of New Haven; brother John Bell of New Haven; sisters Martha James (Robert) and Emma Bellamy (Thomas) of Winnabow, NC; sister-in-laws Ruth and Margaret Bell of New Haven. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to cherish her memory. She was predeceased by brothers Van Jinwright, Presoleon and Alexander Bell; daughters Olenia Bell and Sherri Dailey; and grandson Dylon Smith, all of whom she loved dearly.

God looked around his garden and found an empty space.  
Then he looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful.  
He only takes the best.

The family will receive guests at Whitneyville Cultural Commons, 1253 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06517 immediately following services.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews UFWB Church  
400 Dixwell Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Mae Dailey*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *To My Dear Friend Molly And Family. Please Accept My Condolences and Sympathy From The Loss Of Your Loving Beautiful Mother. To Be Absent From The Body Is To Be Present With The Lord. Love Always And Forever Pastor Lillie Mary Jackson Bowes And Family.*



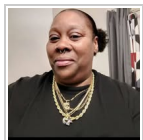
**Mary Bowes** - December 07, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Brenda Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dailey*



**Brenda Vaughan** - December 05, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *I love auntie*

**Talia Cordoba** - December 05, 2022 at 11:36 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. She was like a Mother to me also and I also felt the Family love whenever I was with the Family. Praying for strength for the Family. Love You All.



Terrance Hillian Sr - December 05, 2022 at 08:23 AM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Words are not enough to express how sorry I am for your loss. As each of you cherishes your own memories, may it bring you comfort in knowing that someone so "special" will never be forgotten. I feel honored to have known Dorothy "Ma" for many years. "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted". Matthew 5:4 love you all.



Beth Bynum - December 04, 2022 at 06:21 AM

TF

“ The Family lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dailey



The Bynum Family - December 04, 2022 at 12:50 AM

DC

“ *Davene Clark lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dailey*



**Davene Clark** - December 03, 2022 at 07:31 PM

BN

“ *My condolences to The Dailey family. Truly she will be missed. I had many opportunities to speak with her and to share a thought. Now her job on this earth is done. She deserves her entenal rest*

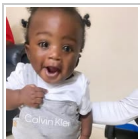
**Brother Aaron N.Simmons** - December 03, 2022 at 09:37 AM

SC

“ *My condolences go out to the family. We grew up together and Miss Dailey was always so sweet and kind. May God's love comfort you all during this difficult time.* ❤️🙏❤️🙏



**Sadie Cooper** - December 01, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ *Terry Warren lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dailey*



**Terry Warren** - December 01, 2022 at 01:47 PM

WD

“ *Wanda Dawson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dailey*



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**Wanda Dawson** - December 01, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Dailey.*



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November 30, 2022 at 06:38 PM

MC

“ *Maria Coardes lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Dailey*



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**Maria Coardes** - November 30, 2022 at 05:10 PM

RB

“ *I send my condolences to the family with love, prayers and support. Amen*

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**Rose Batchelor** - November 30, 2022 at 09:27 AM

RB

“ Dear Vesta, (My Ree) I know you loved your mother dearly. I pray that God will keep her safe & rested throughout eternity... Keep going with living your life & pray. You'll see mom again one day.  
Love Rose Batchelor

Rose Batchelor - November 30, 2022 at 09:08 AM

RY

“ It's with heartfelt sympathy that I send the Dailey family my deepest condolences on the loss their matriarch. Stay strong and stand GRAND as you mourn during this difficult time. She will be greatly missed.



Roosevelt Young - November 30, 2022 at 01:13 AM

AC

“ When my cousin Dorothy Mae was first going through dialysis I would call her on the 3 days a week that she had to go just to check on her and chat with her and she affectionately said Arlene you are one cousin who always checks on me faithfully and I love 💕 you for that. I have photos of her holding and squeezing my firstborn son who also passed away. She had so much fun with that baby she said Arlene take him now before I take him home with me. She was the first person to come see my dad the same day my mom passed away. Dorothy Mae was always there for my family through our toughest times. When I would see her at family dollar in her van we would always find the time to talk and chat things up. The last time I seen her was last November at her brothers home going service and I kissed her on her cheek and told her I loved her. My cousin will be truly missed and I know she's resting in paradise May GOD bless, keep and comfort the family..... Love 💕 always your cousin Arlene Moore

Arlene Moore 1st cousin - November 29, 2022 at 07:47 PM

 Carol Walker

“ *Dottie was a smart efficient employee with a lot of potential. Whatever she put hand to, she did well. "Well done thou good and faithful servant. "*  
*cjwalker*

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**Carol Walker** - November 29, 2022 at 07:06 PM

LG

*Ma Dailey, I will truly miss you" You have always treated me as part of your Family, your actions showed that you cared. Your beautiful Heart will continue on in your children lives, I'm praying that all of their pain heals. Please watch over all of us. Rest peacefully, I love you Ma.*

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**Lenard Greene** - December 02, 2022 at 07:32 PM

DH

*To Molly, Harry and the entire Dailey family, from my family to you, we extend our thoughts, prayers and condolences to you during the loss of your loved one. Very sorry to hear of your loss. May she always sleep in peace, and may God continue to guide each and everyone of you, through your healing.*

*Dorice Harris & Family*

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**Dorice Harris** - December 04, 2022 at 05:27 PM