



## Ora Lee Dortche

September 19, 1940 - February 16, 2022

Ora Lee W. “Coot” Dortche, 81, of New Haven, died peacefully at home on February 16, 2022. Mrs. Dortche was born in Shorter, AL on September 19, 1940, the daughter of the late Andrew Wilson and Victoria Wilson-Lane. She was the wife to the late Robert E. Dortche, Sr. for 52 years. Before her retirement, Mrs. Dortche worked for Connecticut Container for several years and served as an officer on the Pace Labor Union Board. She was also very active in her Eastview apartments (Eastern Circle) and Fair Haven communities often serving in organizations like the Fair Haven Management Team, FLECHAS, and Empowerment Zone.

She is survived by her loving daughter Kathryn (Melton) Langston of New Haven, CT, and her beloved sons Robert E. Dortche, Jr. and Anthony Dortche of New Haven, CT, and George K.J (Pamela) Dortche and Alton (Mary) Dortche, of North Carolina. She also leaves behind her sister Ruth Jones, brother Tommy “Shug” Wilson and two sisters-in-law, Marlyn Rogers of New Haven, CT and Alvera Dortche of Hamden, CT. Mrs. Dortche had 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son Kirby Dortche and daughter Joanne (Edward) Random. Additionally, she was predeceased by her sister Estelle Hall of Houston, TX and her brothers Andrew, Willie, Rochelle, and Milow Wilson all of New Haven, CT.



# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT 06519  
(203) 624-5505

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

## Funeral Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ora Lee Dortche*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *TO THE DORTCHE FAMILY, IM SENDING MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY TO YOUR WHOLE FAMILY YOU MOTHER WAS A SWEET AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN BUR I KNOW FOR SURE SHE'S WALKIING AROUND HEAVEN...LOOKING FOR HER FAMILY.... I CAN SEE HER RUNNING INTO VERDELL....AND VERDI SAYING "COTE IS THAT YOU!..."🤔🤔 MAY SHE IN PEACE WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY IN HEA💕💕💕💕*



**Cassandra Mccoy** - February 28, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *To Kathy and Family,*

*I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. Losing a mother is very hard. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Rhonda Lyles Ferrebee*

**Rhonda Ferrebee** - February 24, 2022 at 11:05 PM



*Praying for Al and family for the loss of your beloved mother.*

**Bernice Phillips** - February 26, 2022 at 06:15 PM

FB

“ *What a beautiful homegoing service. She certainly will be missed from some of the Dixwell Senior Center activities. Get that family reunion going you all. That would make Ora Lee very happy.* ”



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**Frances Branch-Walker** - February 24, 2022 at 06:46 PM

CP

“ *May God Bless You and keep you during your time of sorrow ,he give peace and comfort. Cleo Williams Peterson & family* ”



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**Cleo Peterson** - February 24, 2022 at 01:40 PM

RT

“ *“More precious was the light in your eyes than all the roses in the world.”* ”



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**Ronald Thomas** - February 24, 2022 at 10:14 AM

BM

“ *To my cousins, I remember coming to ya'll house and visiting with my aunt and uncle. I remember the cook-outs we had and the family reunions we had together. Aunt Ora Lee will be missed, so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you all, love Becky* ”

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**BECKY DORTCHE MYERS** - February 24, 2022 at 08:44 AM

BM

“ *BECKY MYERS lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**BECKY MYERS** - February 24, 2022 at 08:37 AM

DP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Sorry for the loss of your mother! Sending my love and prayers!!*



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**Diane Perry** - February 23, 2022 at 09:34 PM

SL

“ *Sheila Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**Sheila Lawrence** - February 23, 2022 at 03:14 PM

SF

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the Dortche family in their time of sorrow. Mrs. Dortche touched so many lives in the best ways. The Foster family are so grateful to have her both as a friend and a mother figure. Thank you, Mrs Dortche, Rest peacefully until we all meet again.*

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**Steve Foster** - February 23, 2022 at 01:35 PM

FF

“ From the Foster Family! purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.



From the Foster Family! - February 23, 2022 at 01:17 PM

KB

“ To My Dortche Family, will always remember the lifetime experiences Cuzin Coot shown she was a very sweet person. All true kids in Eastern Circle loved to hang out at her home, we will forever be grateful. Love and will miss you Rest in Heaven 🙏😊

Kathey Boyd - February 23, 2022 at 12:56 PM

ET

“ ESI Tax Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.



ESI Tax Team - February 23, 2022 at 10:22 AM

TS

“ Kathy, Al, & family we R so sorry for the loss of your Mom

The Schillo's - February 23, 2022 at 09:45 AM

AJ

“ The PerryJordan Family send their condolences 🙏😞😭💔 pray for the Family.

Alice Jordan - February 23, 2022 at 01:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.*



February 22, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Shirley Gaddy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.*



**Shirley Gaddy** - February 22, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family of my friend Ora. She had a beautiful heart and a loving spirit. I will always remember the great times we had and our crazy experiences together. I'm holding on to my precious memories and hope your memories of her will help to sustain you during this time. She will never be forgotten.*  
*Shirley Gaddy and family*

**Shirley Gaddy** - February 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.*



February 22, 2022 at 12:06 PM

AJ

“ *In memory of Mrs. Dortche*



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**Adrienne Pritchett Jones** - February 22, 2022 at 07:12 AM

AJ

“ *Kathy and Al, my condolences go out to you and your family. May your Mom enjoy the realm of Heaven in peace.*

*Al Alston...*

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**Albert B. Alston Jr.** - February 22, 2022 at 03:18 AM

DH

“ *To Kathy Dortche & family,  
I'm very sorry to hear that your mom passed on. From my family to yours, we want to extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to each and everyone that had a honor of meeting your mom. We will continue to pray for your strength and healing. May your mom sleep in peace.*

*Dorice Harris & Family*

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**Dorice Harris** - February 22, 2022 at 01:17 AM

PW

“ *To the Dortche Family*

*The Williamson family sending Hugs and Prays! Memories of the good old days/times will never fade!*

*Although your love ones are absent from this earth, they live on in our Hearts ❤️ forever.*

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**PATRICIA WILLIAMSON** - February 21, 2022 at 09:35 PM

PW

“ *PATRICIA WILLIAMSON lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**PATRICIA WILLIAMSON** - February 21, 2022 at 09:20 PM

RH

“ *Our sincerest condolences and prayers to the Dortche family on the loss of your mom. May God give you peace at this time. God bless you all. Love, Ruby Richardson Harper & family*

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**Ruby Richardson Harper** - February 21, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family from Karla and Carlton and the rest of my ohio family I love she will be missed especially at the family reunion's where I would look forward to seeing her !!! Peace love happiness to all!!*

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**Carlton Boyd** - February 21, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.



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February 21, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ To Dortche Family: Sending my condolences 🌸 and prayers, Ora was very active in my earlier days, in fair haven community who help a lot of person's. Back in eastern circle day's along with late Mrs Williams, Austin, Barnes they had a lot of teen center, bus trips, and weekends family trips. but loved to coach the young folks. We would take bus from train station to casino and have fun May her soul Rest In Peace.



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Helen C Powell - February 20, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ Auntie I am going to miss you so much, god needed his Angel and he needed you, go and be with uncle Bobby, cubby, and Joanne but just remember to watch over us also love you alway barri



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Barri Bolden - February 20, 2022 at 09:06 AM

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“ *Sheila Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**Sheila Lawrence** - February 19, 2022 at 07:12 PM

SL

“ *R.I.P*



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**Sheila Lawrence** - February 19, 2022 at 07:11 PM

SL

“ *My Condolences*



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**Sheila Lawrence** - February 19, 2022 at 07:01 PM

SL

“ *Sheila Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**Sheila Lawrence** - February 19, 2022 at 06:57 PM

SL

“ *Sheila Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**Sheila Lawrence** - February 19, 2022 at 06:56 PM

MT

“ *Mr and Mrs Van Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ora Lee Dortche.*



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**Mr and Mrs Van Thomas** - February 19, 2022 at 06:02 PM

DL

“ *Deloris Linen lit a candle in memory of Ora Lee Dortche*



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**Deloris Linen** - February 18, 2022 at 09:12 PM