



Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp

May 3, 1926 - April 10, 2019

Our loved one passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the age of 92 years.

Have you ever seen a woman so mellow and mild yet influential and strong? If you knew Dorothy “Doll Baby” Kemp, then you have been graced by the presence of a woman with these magnificent qualities.

Mrs. Dorothy Parham Kemp blossomed into the world on the spring day of May 3, 1926. She was born in Round Lake, Mississippi to Mr. John and Mrs. Lillie (Washington) Parham. The sixth of ten children, whose parents were farmers, learned early on the importance of family and working together.

At the budding age of 15, she met a fine gentleman who lived in the same community. He captured her heart so tenderly, that she patiently waited for him as he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his return, Dorothy joined Nathaniel Kemp, Jr. in marriage on March 17, 1946 in Alligator, Mississippi.

Along with raising her seven children and being baptized at an early age, Dorothy still found time to be an active member of her church for over 60 years. With a trustworthy spirit, she served as Treasurer for the Mission Board and was on the Deaconess Board at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Dorothy’s comforting spirit enabled her to thrive as a member of the Nurse’s Guild. She also played an essential role in the Mission’s Outreach Ministry as she mailed cards to the sick and shut-in. A faithful member of the Neighborhood Club for more than 30 years, Dorothy generously gave her time to others while setting a positive example of her own.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Vyethel (Michael) Peterson of Los Angeles, CA, Ludmond (Jody) Kemp of Saginaw, Nathaniel (Cheryl) Kemp-Bey of Southfield, MI, Barbara Kemp-Lauria, Linda Robinson and Edward (EJ) Kemp, all of Saginaw; grandchildren, Carla Kemp-Clayton, Princetta Kemp, Calvess Burnett, Yashica (John) Tyson, Tamika, Emmanuel and Versina Kemp, Thomas Fuller, Michael (Kelsey) Peterson II, Nefertiti (Dorian) Flowers, Imaniah, Ebonisha and E’Jayla Kemp; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild ; one god-son, Larry Foster; siblings, Annie Mae

Davis of Saginaw and John (JT) Parham of Burt, MI; a brother-in-law, Joseph McKnight of Saginaw; sisters-in-law, Verna M. Kemp of Clarksdale, MS, Eva Buckley and Sylvia "Doddie" Parham both of Saginaw; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, including special cousins, the Walker, Washington and Grant families.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Nathaniel Kemp, Jr.; daughter, Blanchia Kemp; grandson, D'Andre Kemp; siblings, William, Ernest, Polly, Ruby, Charlie and Percy Parham, Lillie McKnight; and a son-in-law, Robert Lauria.

If you stopped by to visit, Doll Baby may have been watching the Detroit Pistons or the Detroit Tigers on T.V. She was a great listener and could offer spiritual words of encouragement. Dorothy Kemp leaves a loving legacy of wisdom, strength and kindness as a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the Wheels Unit at Healthsource, St. Mary's TICU, Dr. Rama Mulpuri, Pastor Blake Strozier and Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Otis Washington and Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, Bishop Larry Camel and New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral, and the 4th Street families: the Clays, the Hills, the Laytons and the Hunts.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Blake D. Strozier will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family will be present from 3:00-7:00 p.m. to greet friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
810 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Browne's Mortuary - April 19, 2019 at 04:27 PM

CV

“ *More memories than we can list. Always looked forward to and appreciated seeing .God blesses your family. The Aytch Family of Fourth Street.*

Cliff VannAytch - April 22, 2019 at 02:26 PM

JJ

“ *The Jordan Family*



J. Jordan-Ford - April 21, 2019 at 01:24 AM

CU

“ *I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Kemp family. Hold on to those precious memories forever. Claralyn Ussery*

Claralyn Ussery - April 20, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *Bernadette Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Bernadette Tinsley - April 20, 2019 at 12:27 PM

RC

“ *RENEE' CLAY lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



RENEE' CLAY - April 20, 2019 at 02:08 AM

CR

“ *Cynthia Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Cynthia Ruth - April 20, 2019 at 02:00 AM

CR

“ *My deepest Condolence , My Love, and My Prayer's be with the Kemp Family*

and Friends . Tamika girl you said it best the words you said I remember all of that also. I was a little girl in 1964 when we the Clay Family moved on

South 4th St. Many years ago. I remember all the Parents sitting on there porch watching all the kids playing Hide and go Seek , Four Squares and going down to the Corner Field to play Baseball those was the good old DAYS

We grew up with Parents teaching us RESPECT for each others and our Neighbors. I'LL never forget when my DADDY passed Mrs Kemp looked at me and said Cynthia Don't Ever Forget Me, I'm still here on 4th St.

And I said YES MA'AM I LOVE AND I ALWAYS WILL.

I'LL MISS GETTING MY CHRISTMAS CARD SHE ALWAYS SENT ME ONE EVERY YEAR

MRS DOROTHY KEMP YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THE FAMILY

MUCH LOVE , CYNTHIA CLAY RUTH



Cynthia Ruth - April 20, 2019 at 01:29 AM

JH

“ *Mrs Kemp, I love her for the being sweetest mother figure to me. I remember sitting on the porch talking and she gave me a lot of wisdom back then and will never forget her words and time and her gift in believing in me. To my 4th st Family I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Love you all God bless.*

Joey Hunt - April 19, 2019 at 11:35 PM

JR

“ *Janice Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Janice Ruffin - April 19, 2019 at 10:52 PM

BT

“ *Btenda lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Btenda - April 19, 2019 at 10:50 PM

TB

“ *My condolences to my family, know that she's resting well now with love ones and she will be missed*

tracy baldwin - April 19, 2019 at 09:42 PM

CJ

“ *C. Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



C. Jarrett-Mason - April 19, 2019 at 08:33 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Pastor Randolph - April 19, 2019 at 05:31 PM

CG

“ Cheryl Garnett lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Cheryl Garnett - April 19, 2019 at 03:39 PM

CG

“ My Condolence and Prayers go to the KEMP Family Stay Stong and Lean on the LORD

Cheryl Garnett - April 19, 2019 at 03:38 PM

SF

“ Sonny Moten & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Sonny Moten & Family - April 19, 2019 at 03:07 PM

DK

“ Deacon Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Deacon Larry Kemp - April 19, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Nedra Ann RileyWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Nedra Ann RileyWilliams - April 19, 2019 at 12:24 PM

CB

“ *Clint Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Clint Bryant - April 19, 2019 at 11:44 AM

LM

“ *Larry And Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Larry and Pamela Monroe - April 19, 2019 at 10:20 AM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Doloris Mixon - April 19, 2019 at 12:34 AM

MN

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences during this difficult time. I've known Mrs. Kemp since the family moved to the south side in the 50's and I've only known her to be a lady of grace with a Mona Lisa smile. I admired how cute your parents looked as they sat side by side in the car like loving teenagers. She was very easy to talk to and will be sorely missed. She left a tremendous legacy behind in her children to make the world a better place. My love to the family and my bestie, Vy.*

Mary (Georgia) Nettles - April 19, 2019 at 12:20 AM

LM

“ *Love, Stephanie, Taraija and Tyson McCauley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp.*



Love, Stephanie, Taraija and Tyson McCauley - April 18, 2019 at 09:20 PM

VC

“ *Vanessa Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Vanessa Cooper - April 18, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp.*



April 18, 2019 at 06:35 PM

GN

“ *Gordon And Barb Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Gordon and Barb Nichols - April 18, 2019 at 04:34 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Lucinda Taylor - April 18, 2019 at 04:34 PM

VH

“ *Vernida Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



vernida hicks - April 18, 2019 at 04:23 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Sandra coleman - April 18, 2019 at 03:55 PM

TN

“ *TABERNACLE M B CHURCH USHERS AND NURSES purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp.*



TABERNACLE M B CHURCH USHERS AND NURSES - April 18, 2019 at 03:18 PM

KC

“ *KAY CHESTER lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



KAY CHESTER - April 18, 2019 at 01:42 PM

CG

“ *The Garnett Family*



Carol Garnett - April 18, 2019 at 01:11 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Deborah Champion - April 18, 2019 at 08:50 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Valerie Foster-Baker - April 18, 2019 at 08:41 AM

JD

“ Janice Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Janice Dorsey - April 18, 2019 at 08:01 AM

GB

“ Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Gwen White Bowman - April 18, 2019 at 01:09 AM

SF

“ Sue, Julie, Bob, Cathy and Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp.



Sue, Julie, Bob, Cathy and Families - April 17, 2019 at 06:47 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Yvonne Sanders - April 17, 2019 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ *JAMES BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



JAMES BROWN - April 17, 2019 at 05:45 PM

ML

“ *Michelle Livingston lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Michelle Livingston - April 17, 2019 at 04:15 PM

EC

“ *Evelyn Stuckey Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Evelyn Stuckey Culberson - April 17, 2019 at 03:46 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Mary Stokes - April 17, 2019 at 01:15 PM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Vermell Sangster - April 17, 2019 at 08:00 AM

CO

“ *Crystal O’Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Crystal O’Bryan - April 16, 2019 at 07:17 PM

KW

“ *Kim Caver Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Kim Caver Wright - April 16, 2019 at 06:57 PM

MJ

“ *MR. AND MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



MR. AND MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - April 16, 2019 at 06:13 PM

PC

“ *Penny Cole lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Penny Cole - April 16, 2019 at 05:39 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Michelle Blair - April 16, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Elizabeth Hudspeth - April 16, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Lola Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Lola Peterson - April 16, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Doloris Mixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Doloris Mixon - April 15, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Cathy Wilson - April 15, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ G. Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



G. Murphy - April 15, 2019 at 04:25 PM

JB

“ *The Kemp & Parham Families have my deepest sympathy. I have known Mrs. Dorothy Kemp (aka Doll Baby) since I was riding a bike. She was truly the epitome of dignity, grace, and kindness. I pray that God comforts you all as only he can during this most difficult time.*

JoNita Byrd-Reeves - April 15, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Kemp family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ricky and Cheryl Nash*



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - April 15, 2019 at 12:37 PM

LC

“ *Larry & Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Larry & Gwen Conway - April 14, 2019 at 11:45 PM

NH

“ *Noland Heath lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Noland Heath - April 14, 2019 at 09:51 PM

RW

“ *Rita Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Rita Williams - April 14, 2019 at 09:01 AM

DK

“ Deacon Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Deacon Larry Kemp - April 13, 2019 at 08:38 PM

KW

“ Kim Caver Wright lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Kim Caver Wright - April 12, 2019 at 11:08 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family of this uniquely wonderful women.



Santi Hill - April 12, 2019 at 08:56 PM

JD

“ Family may God give you the strength you need during this difficult time



Jackie Davis - April 12, 2019 at 06:52 PM

EF

“ Ethel Shaw And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Ethel Shaw and Family - April 12, 2019 at 06:33 PM

TF

“ *The Shaw Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



The Shaw Family - April 12, 2019 at 06:32 PM

TJ

“ *Trina V. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Trina V. Jackson - April 12, 2019 at 05:07 PM

TF

“ *The Helton Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



The Helton Family - April 12, 2019 at 04:09 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Jeanette Champion - April 12, 2019 at 02:58 PM

TK

“ *In loving memory of my grandmother...*

*For so many years I could walk in your kitchen and see you sitting in your chair.
But on April 10, 2019, you were no longer physically there.*

To read the newspaper or gaze at TV,

To listen to the radio or make your green tea.

To wash every dish, or just sit in the seat,

To take your daily medicine, so then you could eat.

To talk on the phone, or take a brief nap,

To roll from the table to the sink and then back.

To look out the window at sunshine or snow,

To reach up and hug us when we got ready to go.

To prepare some good food or talk with family and friends,

All of these things have come to an end.

It was a simple chair, nothing fancy, but now that you're gone,

When I look at it for some reason it's more like a throne.

That's fit for a Queen who's no longer there.

Grannybird, I'll miss seeing you sitting in your chair.



Tamika Kemp - April 12, 2019 at 02:40 PM

PS

That is so sweet, such wonderful memories. God Bless you and give you strength.

Phoebe Seevers - April 14, 2019 at 02:44 PM

MF

*Meka, that poem is Beautiful, just like Aunt Dorothy! Love You Family💖Brenda
(Bryant-Reynolds)*

Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - April 18, 2019 at 07:01 AM

RB

“ *RoseMarie Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mother
Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



RoseMarie Bowman - April 12, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *Toshionna Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Toshionna Newsome - April 12, 2019 at 02:16 PM

AP

“ *Ann M. Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Ann M. Patrick - April 12, 2019 at 01:29 PM

PA

“ *Patsy lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Patsy - April 12, 2019 at 12:51 PM

WB

“ *Willie & Diane Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Willie & Diane Bond - April 12, 2019 at 11:43 AM

LH

“ *Lois Holiday lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Lois Holiday - April 12, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *Diana Miree sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Diana Miree - April 12, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Esther Benson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Esther Benson - April 12, 2019 at 04:15 AM



“ *Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Debra Dillard - April 12, 2019 at 12:31 AM



I pray God gives you peace and comfort during this time of the lost of Mother Kemp. Blessings to the Kemp family.

Debra Dillard - April 12, 2019 at 12:32 AM



“ *Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp*



Myrtle Collier - April 11, 2019 at 10:37 PM

FC

“ Faye Cole lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Faye Cole - April 11, 2019 at 10:10 PM

FF

“ Faye Cole And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Faye Cole and Family - April 11, 2019 at 10:07 PM

TA

“ Tommy&Rhonda Henderson Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Tommy&Rhonda Henderson Atkins - April 11, 2019 at 09:21 PM

MF

“ Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - April 11, 2019 at 07:20 PM

WB

“ Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Walsezetta Bennett - April 11, 2019 at 06:05 PM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



IRMA CHISM - April 11, 2019 at 05:31 PM

CL

“ Calvin And Phyllis (Biggins) Little lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Calvin and Phyllis (Biggins) Little - April 11, 2019 at 03:19 PM

SC

“ TO OUR SOUTHSIDE FAMILY WE UNDERSTAND YOUR SORROW AS WE ALL GREW UP TOGETHER..WEEPING ENDURES FOR A NIGHT BUT THE JOY OF KNOWING THAT SHE IS WITH THE FATHER SHALL BRING YOU JOY



sona Carruth - April 11, 2019 at 02:12 PM

SD

“ A very sweet loving woman. I will miss her dearly. Rest In Peace



Sherry davis - April 11, 2019 at 02:10 PM

JC

“ The Good Lord Said: Dorothy I have a special set of Winds for you. Come and set at this Table with your love one's who have patiently waited for you to complete your work here on earth. Bob has your chair ready. Our Thoughts and Prayers to her family.

Jack and Cris Coon - April 11, 2019 at 12:58 PM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Joanie Williams - April 11, 2019 at 11:28 AM

DW

“ Doretta Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Doretta Williams - April 11, 2019 at 11:20 AM

JL

“ John Lively lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



john lively - April 11, 2019 at 10:21 AM

CD

“ Cynthia Parham Daison lit a candle in memory of Mother Dorothy M. Parham Kemp



Cynthia Parham Daison - April 11, 2019 at 10:02 AM

CD

*Love you auntie your be truly miss. RIH. Family we love y'all , God please strengthen them and their time of need. Sorry for your Loss, of your Mom and Grandmother.
Cynthia*

Cynthia Parham Daison - April 11, 2019 at 10:12 AM



Such a wonderful lady, beautiful spirit and kind heart....may God offer many blessings to the entire Kemp family....

Rija Landry-Aka - April 11, 2019 at 12:51 PM