



## Mrs. Dorothy Frances Maclin

December 29, 1930 - September 2, 2024

Dorothy Frances Donaldson Maclin was born December 29, 1930 to the late Hurshel Donaldson and Catherine Scott Donaldson in Gibson County, Tennessee.

She was married to the late Robert Benjamin Maclin who preceded her in death on December 6, 2011. She departed this life on Monday, September 2, 2024 in her home.

Dorothy, affectionately known as "Dot" was reared in a family Christian home with her father, mother, and siblings. She, along with her parents and siblings attended Parker Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, in Gibson, Tennessee. At an early age, Dorothy professed her faith and belief in God and accepted Him as her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and became a member of the church. Dorothy loved attending church, worshipping God, and was very attentive in church. She listened to every word the preacher said. In fact, when she became of age she taught Sunday School, Bible School, sang in the Choir.

In 1944, she attended Gibson County Training Elementary School and graduated from Gibson County Training High School in 1948. Upon graduating from high school, Dorothy pursued her college education at Lane College where she earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary

Education in 1954. While at Lane, Dorothy became a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated. It was also at Fair Lane where she met and married the love of her life; Robert Benjamin Maclin. To that union, a son, Jerome was born.

Upon matriculation from Lane, Dorothy felt the need to gain more knowledge and expertise to enhance strategies to teach students to give them a better chance to become successful. Her need and desire prompted her to enroll in the Master's program at Memphis State University. There she earned the Master of Arts Degree in Education; all while being a full-time mother, wife, maintaining a full-time teaching position, attending classes, and studying courses to earn her Master's Degree.

Dorothy was an excellent student who was sought by many school systems and districts to teach. This being true, prompted the family to move to various locations anywhere employment dictated their residence would be. She worked in the following schools or school systems: Monroe Grammer School, Newbern, TN, Market Tree, Arkansas, LaRose Elementary School, Wells Station Elementary School, and Caldwell Elementary; Memphis, Tennessee. Caldwell Elementary was her last teaching assignment where she bid farewell to teaching and retired.... or so she thought, until her principal prevailed with her and would not let her go that easily. He requested that she "please" return one more year to help the children. And of course, because of the love of her profession and students, she gladly returned for one more year. If not for Dorothy's dedication and love of teaching, students, caring, and compassion for her profession, she would have done what many of her colleagues had done.... bid farewell. Her teaching career spanned a total of 42 years.

Prior to retirement during the summer months, Dorothy was always searching for places to take vacations. Although she enjoyed traveling throughout the states to see various sites; she wanted to see more. She loved to travel

domestically and abroad.

Anytime she was ready to go, she would get her closest and best friend, her dear sweet sister Margaret to join her. They were like two peas in a pod; Cagney and Lacey, spying where the next adventure would take them. One of her favorite excursions was to Jerusalem - The Holy Land. She was so impressed and in awe of what they saw and walked along places where Jesus walked. They also visited Rome, Paris, France, Italy, Hawaii, Canada, New York City, the Grand Canyon/Arizona, Mexico, etc. to name a few.

Upon her return home from vacation, she enjoyed gardening, sitting on the porch or relaxing and listening to the chimes in the gazebo.... What a life!

Dorothy is preceded in death by her late husband, Robert Benjamin Maclin of Gibson, Tennessee; parents Hurshel and Catherine Scott Donaldson, brothers, Robert Donaldson (Dottie), Carey Donaldson (Maxine), Willie Donaldson (Bettye) and Lynn Donaldson (Katherine).

Those left to cherish her memory are: her son Jerome Maclin (Corene) of Jackson, Tennessee, granddaughter, Laketha D. Maclin; brother David Donaldson (Linda) of Gibson, Tennessee, sister, Margaret Donaldson Stamps, (Rev. Lynman Stamps, Sr. St. Louis Missouri, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins; other relatives and friends. Special thanks to Clarence Robinson; a dear, close, and generous friend of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North  
Jackson, TN 38305

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

SEP 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Parker's Chapel C.M.E. Church  
30 State Rt. 186 North  
Gibson, TN

## Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Frances Maclin*



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**Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc** - September 09, 2024 at 09:21 AM

OA

“ *Condolences to the Family. It's hard to know what to say at times like this, but know You're in my thoughts and my prayers. May God give you strength to endure through your sadness of loss.*

*Olivia Johnson Arens*

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**Olivia Johnson Arens** - September 21, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Frances Maclin.*



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September 07, 2024 at 01:35 PM

SA

“ Shirlene, Marian, and Jevon Armour planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Frances Maclin.

Shirlene, Marian, and Jevon Armour - September 07, 2024 at 01:35 PM

FC

“ She was a beautiful lady, inside and out. Always full of wit and wisdom. She loved her family, especially her son Jerome, who has been a bandmate of mine for over forty years. I will miss the items that she canned and shared with me.

When you left from a conversation with her you always felt better.

Rest well.

Fulton Childress.

Fulton Childress - September 06, 2024 at 11:43 AM

DD

“ David Duckworth purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Frances Maclin.



David Duckworth - September 06, 2024 at 04:17 AM

JB

“ The Polk Clark High School Class of 1964 sending condolences and prayers to our Classmate David and family. Keep leaning on God's Everlasting Arm and He will comfort you in this time of grief..

Jimmy Brown - September 05, 2024 at 09:53 PM

NF

“ Norma Scott and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Frances Maclin.



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**Norma Scott and Family** - September 05, 2024 at 09:17 PM

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**Norma Scott and Family** - September 05, 2024 at 09:17 PM



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September 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM

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“ A woman of God whose style, wisdom and grace was what I treasured most. Later we became sorority sisters and she really taught me some special things then. She will be forever remembered by in the glimpses of her son and granddaughter

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**Tracey Flowers** - September 03, 2024 at 03:09 AM