

The Finished Early

I had a lot to do.
More than some of you.
But yet you wonder why I rest.
I finished early.
I started on time,
Even though the choice was mine.
And I put in a full day's work.
But I finished early.
I thought at first the road was long.
But I just asked the Lord to keep me strong.
And step by step I ran the race.
I just finished early.
I'm not a quitter my friend.
I kept on fighting to the end.
And the only thing I can say is
I just finished early.
But the measure of man's mind,
And not my God's own time,
Do some of you look at the years.
I just finished early.
But with God it counts not at all
How long, how brief, how great, how small.
But He looks for a ready heart.

Even if you finish early.



Just In Case

Just in case you haven't heard these words in a while,
I want you to hear them now.
You deserve to know that...
IT takes someone special to do what you do.
IT takes someone rare and remarkable to make the lives
of everyone around them nicer,
brighter and more beautiful.
IT takes someone who has a big heart and caring soul.
IT takes someone who's living proof of
how precious a person can be.
IT takes someone just like you.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Dorothy Ingram Oakes wishes
to express their heartfelt appreciation for the many
expressions of sympathy, love, and acts of kindness
shown to them during their time of bereavement.
May God bless each of you!!!

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Sunrise
January 13, 1953

Sunset
March 31, 2020

Dorothy Earline Oakes

Service
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
2:00 PM

UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3631 Patterson Mill Road
Barnwell, South Carolina 29812

Reflections

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a
time to pluck up that which is planted. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

Dorothy Earline (Ingram) Oakes embarked on her earthly journey on January 13, 1953. She was the second of seven children born to the late Deacon Norman Ingram Sr., and Sister Mae Dell Ingram. Being born in Beaufort, but raised in Martin, South Carolina, she deeply loved her family and God. Her parents ensured she knew the definition of hard work, love, and compassion, which laid the foundation for an inspiring, devotional, and fulfilling life.

Dorothy was the loving mother of two sons, Daniel (Brittany) Keith Oakes and Adam Blake Oakes, from a marriage with Chester Oakes. She passed on the same convictions to her children, which she received from her parents. Keeping up with six siblings can prove to be a tough task, but Dorothy mastered it. She truly adored her sisters, Mary (Cleveland) Washington and Reatha (Norman) China, the latter preceding her in going home to heaven, and her four brothers, Daniel (Teresa) Ingram, Lee (Prudence) Ingram, Robert (Sandra) Ingram, and Norman Ingram, Jr., with Norman Ingram, Jr., also preceding her in his home-going. She loved and spoiled her two grandchildren, Maci Olivia Oakes and Logan Einar Oakes. Maci especially enjoyed baking with Grandma and picking her brain while taking walks. In addition to the family stated above, Dorothy would often talk and visit with so many aunts, uncles, and cousins who would attest to her compassionate, caring, and loving spirit. Her niece and nephew, Sheila Ingram and Brian Ingram; aunts, Charles Ann Foreman and Alstynne Smith; and cousin, Dorothy Mae Salters, just to name a few.

She attended and graduated from Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, and enlisted in the United States Army soon after, performing as a clinical laboratory technician and eventually joining the Army Reserve. Her duties with the Army would land her in Houston, TX, where her love for people, not just family, would lead her to being an educator for a variety of middle and high schools in the Houston area, before settling in with the Children Protective Services (CPS) for the next 30 years. At CPS, she began as a case worker and rose up the ranks to become a program director. At CPS, she influenced an incredible amount of people inside and outside of their career.

While serving in the U.S. Army, she made stops in Desert Storm in 1991, Germany in 1996, and Iraq in 2004. Dorothy took delight in seeing and exploring the world, so she took advantage of these opportunities to learn about new cultures, traditions, and people. Dorothy also loved interior decorating. Her home holiday decorations were stunning, and her Christmas trees were a work of art. She could spend hours in home decor stores and could watch *Home and Garden TV (HGTV)*, continuously. Dorothy collected elephant figurines, loved fancy purses, and dentists would demand to take a photo of her smile because of a backwards tooth that is said to be "one in a million" in the dental industry. Dorothy was an active member of the Fountain of Praise Church in Houston, Texas, pastored by Pastor Remus Wright. Dorothy enjoyed being involved in church activities, attending countless seminars and conferences. She loved lineage and family history, often reciting kinship that could build a family tree the size of a sequoia. Her memory was incredible, and it seemed to get better with age. So, I know she will remember we love her and will truly miss her.

Precious Memories



Service of Celebration

Processional Viewing

Opening Selection

Scriptures

The Old Testament

The New Testament

Prayer

Reflections

Poem..... *She Finished Early* - Sheila Ingram

My Inspiration - Daniel Oakes

Selection

Words of Comfort

Interment and Committal Services

Union Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

Barnwell, South Carolina