



## Dorothy Louise Payne-Abernathy

March 3, 1935 - June 16, 2024

Dorothy Louise Pierce-Payne-Abernathy was born on March 3, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Lawrence and Elizabeth Pierce.

Dorothy grew up and attended school in Chester, PA. Dorothy was baptized on March 28, 1937, at Campbell A.M.E. Church in Media, PA. Later in life she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior. She then became a faithful member of the First Pentecostal Holy Church in Chester, PA and was baptized. She was an active member there until she moved to Texas in 1995.

In 2012, she would later receive her GED in Texas. Dorothy was passionate about children and spent her career as a Childcare Assistant. She received a "Certificate of Appreciation for the Valuable Contribution Given to Children" on March 30, 1996, at La Petite Academy in Fort Worth, TX.

Dorothy loved bowling, playing Bingo, music, singing, cooking, and spending time with her family.

Dorothy passed away on June 16, 2024, in Fort Worth, Texas. She is preceded in death by husbands: James J. Payne and George C. Abernathy; parents: Lawrence Pierce and Elizabeth Pierce Jackson; and brother: Lawrence Pierce.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her precious memory: children: Audrey Payne-Johnson (Gregory) of Fort Worth, TX, and James Payne of Brookhaven, PA; siblings: Helen Bowen, Carroll Pierce (Rosabelle), and sister in law Verna Pierce; grandchildren Janine Johnson West (Anthony) of Fort Worth, TX, Danita S. Jones of New Castle, DE, Jeremy Johnson (Monique) of Fort Worth, TX, Javette L. Stone (Lance) of Brookhaven, PA, Javonne L. Hickson (DeQuan) of Upland, PA, and Jeray Taylor of Chester, PA; 7 great granddaughters and 11 great grandsons; 2 great great- granddaughters and 4 great great- grandsons. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, godchildren and many friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. Dupont Highway  
New Castle, DE 19720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Earl I. Foster Funeral Home  
1100 Kerlin Street  
Chester, PA 19013  
(610) 874-2877  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Joan O lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Louise Payne-Abernathy*



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**Joan O** - July 02, 2024 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Remembering all the good times we had at Clover. Miss you Dorothy, Joan*

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Ms Dorothy was a sweet kind loving person. We were neighbors on fifth street in Chester and shared the same Birthday. Her and my mother were good friends. I'll miss her. Her and my mom can chat together again in heaven.*

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**Regina Goldsmith-Stanley** - June 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM