



## Dorothy Ann Lassiter

November 3, 1922 - April 18, 2021

Dorothy Ann Lassiter, age 98, of Decatur, GA passed Sunday, April 18, 2021. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday May 1, 11AM in our chapel. Visitation will be on Friday April 30, 12-8PM. Interment Dawn Memorial Park 4685 Glenwood Road Decatur, GA. Services entrusted to Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes-South Dekalb Chapel (404) 241-5656.

Please express your condolences here on our website.[Obituary](#)

Dorothy Ann Tate Lassiter was born November 3, 1922 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She was the oldest child of Dorothy Clements Tate and Nelson Thomas Tate.

Dorothy pursued excellence in education at an early age. She won the Borough Improvement Scholarship when she graduated from Metuchen High School, in Metuchen, New Jersey. She was one of three African American graduates in a class of 104. Matriculating to Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia – Dorothy became an active student; President of the Women's Senate, Y.W.C.A member and Basileus of Alpha Eta Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She won her Drama Key having been a four-year member of the Drama Society. She also worked in the Virginia Union Library and through all her activities, Dorothy kept academics as her priority by graduating cum laude with a major in Sociology.

After graduation, she joined her sister, Doris in Washington, D.C. and worked as an Economist for the Office of Price Administration. Dorothy wasn't finished

with academia, in 1960 she received a Master of Science in Library Services from Columbia University in New York. She became certified as a Library Media Specialist, gaining the platform to share her knowledge base and historical expertise through her career as a Library Director from New York to Georgia. Her appointed stops to fill inquiring minds in New York were: The New York Public Library, Schomburg Library, Queensborough Public Library, White Plains Public Library, Greenburgh School District, Mamaroneck Free Library, Ossining Public Library, Mt. Vernon High School, Pace University and starting the first Headstart Library in New York state. The state of Georgia also welcomed Dorothy Lassiter to continue her gift of managing and sharing knowledge at the Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library, Greenforest Baptist Church Christian Academy, Instructing at Spelman College and substituting as needed for Dekalb County Board of Education.

Dorothy accepted Christ when she was baptized by her grandfather, Rev. Nelson D. Tate who founded churches across northern New Jersey. She began listening to her grandfather's stories about his early life as a coal miner in West Virginia and his enslaved parents in New Bern, North Carolina. Her mother passed when she was six years old and her grandmother Ethel "Nana" Clemmons became a big influence in her life. Thus began her thirst to learn her history, Black history, all history and to serve her church and com

Due to the COVID-19, a mask is required to enter the Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Dawn Memorial Gardens

4685 Glenwood Rd  
Decatur, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656

## Celebration of Life Service (INVITATION ONLY)

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Lassiter.*



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April 29, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Bernice Scott lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter.*



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**Bernice Scott** - April 28, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Time spent with Sis Lassiter was always rewarding always encouraging and yes sometimes she would talk to you like a mother. So much wisdom.*

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**Phyllis Gaines** - April 28, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Phyllis Gaines lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**Phyllis Gaines** - April 28, 2021 at 07:33 PM

MA

“ Marilyn & Doris Ann purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Dorothy Ann Lassiter.



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**Marilyn & Doris Ann** - April 28, 2021 at 10:23 AM

PS

“ I remember Diamond Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Member from my attendance at Greenforest Community Baptist Church when she was the Librarian and when I was initiated into Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority she was our only Golden member. She was active for many years until her health declined. We spoke on the phone and several of us took her out to lunch. I was one of the catalyst for her to receive her recognition as a Diamond Member of our illustrious Sisterhood!

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**Peggy L Smalls** - April 28, 2021 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ Even though I haven't seem Sister Dorothy in many years, we would talk on the phone and exchange cards at Christmas. I remember when she took me by the hand and said "my Soror you are going to work in the church library". So I did for many years. She was a jewel to work with and had so much knowledge and wisdom. She will really be missed. RIH my sister Lassiter. Myrtle Mayfield, Greenforest Community Bapt. Church

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**Myrtle Mayfield** - April 27, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MG

“ *M Theresa Ginyard lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**M Theresa Ginyard** - April 27, 2021 at 03:51 PM

PW

“ *Patricia E. White lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**Patricia E. White** - April 27, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JN

“ *Sister Lassiter will be remembered through the memories that she shared with those of us who participated in our Sunday School class with her over the many years. Her recollection of names and places was extraordinary. She will be missed by us all.*



*Joanne L. Newby  
Greenforest Community Baptist Church  
Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter*

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**Joanne Newby** - April 27, 2021 at 01:07 PM

RW

“ *Rita Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**Rita Wyatt** - April 26, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DS

“ *Djuana Stroud lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**Djuana Stroud** - April 26, 2021 at 01:22 PM

QO

“ *Qualena Odom-Royes lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**Qualena Odom-Royes** - April 26, 2021 at 11:24 AM

DS

“ *Deena M. Kegler-Ebo (Sorority Sister) lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



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**Deena M. Kegler-Ebo (Sorority Sister)** - April 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JE

“ *Janice English lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



Janice English - April 25, 2021 at 04:03 PM

BS

“ *Our dear Aunt Ann was a phenomenal woman who lovingly set the bar high for those around her. We are so proud to call her Aunt and are grateful for the conversations throughout our lives. May her sons Mark, Keith and Brian find comfort in their sweet memories. Love Beverly, Howard and Family.*

beverly spruill - April 23, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MS

“ *Monique Spicer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Lassiter*



Monique Spicer - April 22, 2021 at 05:48 PM

BS

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beverly spruill - April 23, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MS

“ A Tribute to my Aunt & Diamond Soror Doris Ann Lassister.  
My aunt was a wonderful woman and I loved her dearly. She was my mother's eldest sister who lived until 98 .Know that your memory lives on to all the lives you touched.  
Brian, Keith & Mark know that the family is here or you. I was so privileged to have you as my very special aunt, the first female family member to pledge Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. You set the standards so high and we will continue that legacy. Your positive outlook on life meant so very much to m during my college years at Hampton Institute at the time. Your cards and phone calls reassured that it would be ok as long as you respect and show kindness to your fellow man or woman. Morals & Values were key.  
You were such an important part of our family and I am grea ful & thankful for the zoom call we had as a family.  
My beloved cousins, I am praying 🙏 for you in Georgia. I received the call yesterday while at work and couldn't stop walking around. I ended up in the library of the venue with the most beautiful scenes. My Aunt being a librarian as one of her passions, education and etiquette was by far one of her strengths, she would definitely correct you if you said something out of context. She always made time to call and send cards for birthdays. I was her niece and Soror, but I always felt that she loved me like her own. It Look forward to seeing the family and celebrating a life well lived.  
We sang our Hymn together over the phone and I will always remember you Trailblazer. Adieu, My Beloved Aunt Ann ! Shine Bright as the Diamond 💎 you are. Ivy beyond the wall. Until we meet again. Sleep In Powers. I love you ❤️💖 Your Niece & Silver Soror Monique Spicer - Clinton NJ



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Monique Spicer - April 22, 2021 at 05:48 PM

HS

“ Aunt Ann was a beautiful soul and her warm smile, gentle guidance and sweet spirit will always stay dear and near to my heart. Rest Well Good & Faithful Servant 🙏

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**Holly Simpson** - April 22, 2021 at 05:39 PM