

*Celebrating the Life and  
Legacy of*



*The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath  
anointed me to preach good tidings ..... that He might be glorified.*

*Isaiah 61:1 - 3.*

*Pastor Dorothy Ruth Harding*

*May 17, 1941 - February 8, 2014*

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION**

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

*1:00 p.m.*

*In the Chapel of  
Howell Funeral Home of Howard County  
10220 Guilford Road  
Jessup, Maryland 20794*

# *The Legacy of*

## *Dorothy Ruth (Jackson) Harding*

She was born on May 17, 1941 to Marion Henderson Jackson (Jim) and Susan A. (Williams) Jackson in Oklahoma City, OK, and the sixth of eleven children. Dorothy married Wayne Harding and to this union was born Mr. Wayne Darnell Harding who resides in Wichita, Kansas. She also mothered Mr. Paul Gregory Jackson, Jr. who resided with her until her death.

Pastor Harding was a long-time resident of the state of Maryland, but was born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and educated in the Oklahoma public school systems. As a youth, she attended the Church of GOD where she was taught about THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Ordained as an Evangelist in the Church of GOD in Christ (COGIC) organization, she served at Open Door COGIC in Washington, DC, for over thirty years. At Open Door, she held numerous ministerial positions that included: Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, and president of the Women's Department and she also served as Armor-Bearer to Pastor Leonard C. Reed (deceased).

Pastor Harding received a full Fellowship to attend Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, in Syracuse New York; and completed the requirements for a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Public Affairs, writing master's thesis on the "Reorganization of Federal Government". She was accepted at Antioch Law School, School of Legal Studies to prepare for the Law School Entrance exam. While working for the US Federal Government, she traveled extensively presenting cases before administrative law judges, arbitrators and federal impasse panels. She was the director of research and evaluation for the Human Resources Development Institute, AFL-CIO. Pastor Harding was a former member of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and served as administrative assistant to the First Vice President of the NCNW Eastern Region.

Upon rededicating her life to THE LORD in 1979, Pastor Harding studied and graduated from Jericho Bible College, where she earned a degree in Christian Education. She studied at the Washington Saturday Bible College held at Howard University in Washington, DC. She has attended various Christian Bible Institutions and schools to further her Christian education and training. She received an Honorary Doctorate Degree and earned her Doctorate Degree in Divinity. She was a student of Greek and Hebrew. She organized, hosted, and taught at many Gospel-based women's conferences. She was a highly sought-after teacher, conference speaker and conducted many church revivals. She studied and worked tirelessly to glorify God.



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Pastor Harding relocated to San Francisco, California, where she was an active member of the television ministry of True Hope COGIC, where she was also head of the prayer ministry, and ministered in the local jails and prisons. She also taught the Old Testament at True Hope COGIC Bible Institute. After returning to the Washington, DC area, Pastor Harding founded and directed the Open Door Community Residence Facility for the mentally challenged. She also conducted street ministry and provided meals for the homeless. Pastor Harding has spoken in numerous churches, conducted revivals in many cities in the United States, in Trinidad-Tobago, in the West Indies. She was a professor at the Washington Saturday Bible College. She served at the National Church of GOD in the Department of Christ Housing, in Memphis, Tennessee; sanctioned at the time by presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson. Pastor Harding served on the Washington, DC Jurisdictional Credentials Committee with the Prayer Intercessors in the Evangelistic Department. She was formally a licensed real estate agent in both Washington, DC and in Maryland. She was a member of the Council of Women Ministries and Male Support Division of Washington, DC. She was the founder of Victory Refuge Home for runaway and homeless youth.

Under the auspices of Chief Apostle, Anthony T. Mays, PhD (founder of Victory Breakthrough Ministries); Pastor Harding began hosting the radio and television broadcasts on World Power Gospel Radio ([www.WPGR.tv](http://www.WPGR.tv)); where she also served as Director of Marketing and Sales.

Pastor Harding was preceded in death by her parents and seven brothers. She leaves to mourn her passing: husband, Wayne Harding, her two sons Darnell Harding (April) and Paul Jackson, Jr., one sister, Lorene (Jackson) Daniels of Oklahoma City, OK, two brothers, Raymond H. Jackson of Wichita, Kansas, Robert R. Jackson of Oklahoma City, OK, a special niece and nephew Cheryl and Royal Rucker, who cared for Aunt Dorothy during her illness with loving care, four grandchildren (Tatyana, Xavier, Iyana and Amarii), many nieces, nephews, cousins, two aunts, four sisters-in-law, two Goddaughters, Nalini Miller and Pamela Hidalgo and many friends in the Kingdom of God.

