

Active Pallbearers
Reginald Fish, II, Regniald Fish, Sr.
Michael Wisby, Sr., Ashton Crawford
Camael Crawford, Jaiden 'J. C.' Crawford

Honorary Pallbearers
St. John Missionary Baptist Church and Family

Active Flower Bearers
Antwanae Crawford, Renita Alaine Fish
Eugenia Fish and Loretta Davis

Honorary Flower Bearers
Ushers of St. John Missionary Baptist Church and Family

Internment
Hillcrest Memory Gardens, Spencer, OK

Acknowledgement
The family of Sister Doretha Fish Franks
acknowledges with appreciation all of the loving
acts of kindness, cards, and
visits during her illness as well as the
expressions of sympathy shown to us
during our bereavement.

Also, special thanks to Dorset Place Memory Care
and Interim Hospice Services.

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**HOMEGOING
CELEBRATION
FOR**

Doretha
HELEN HILL FISH-FRANKS

Sunrise
APRIL 16, 1940

Sunset
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Obituary

Sister Doretha Helen Hill Fish-Franks was born on April 16, 1940, to Cephus and Lillian Hollins Hill in Oklahoma City, OK. She was the ninth child born into a family of 13 children.

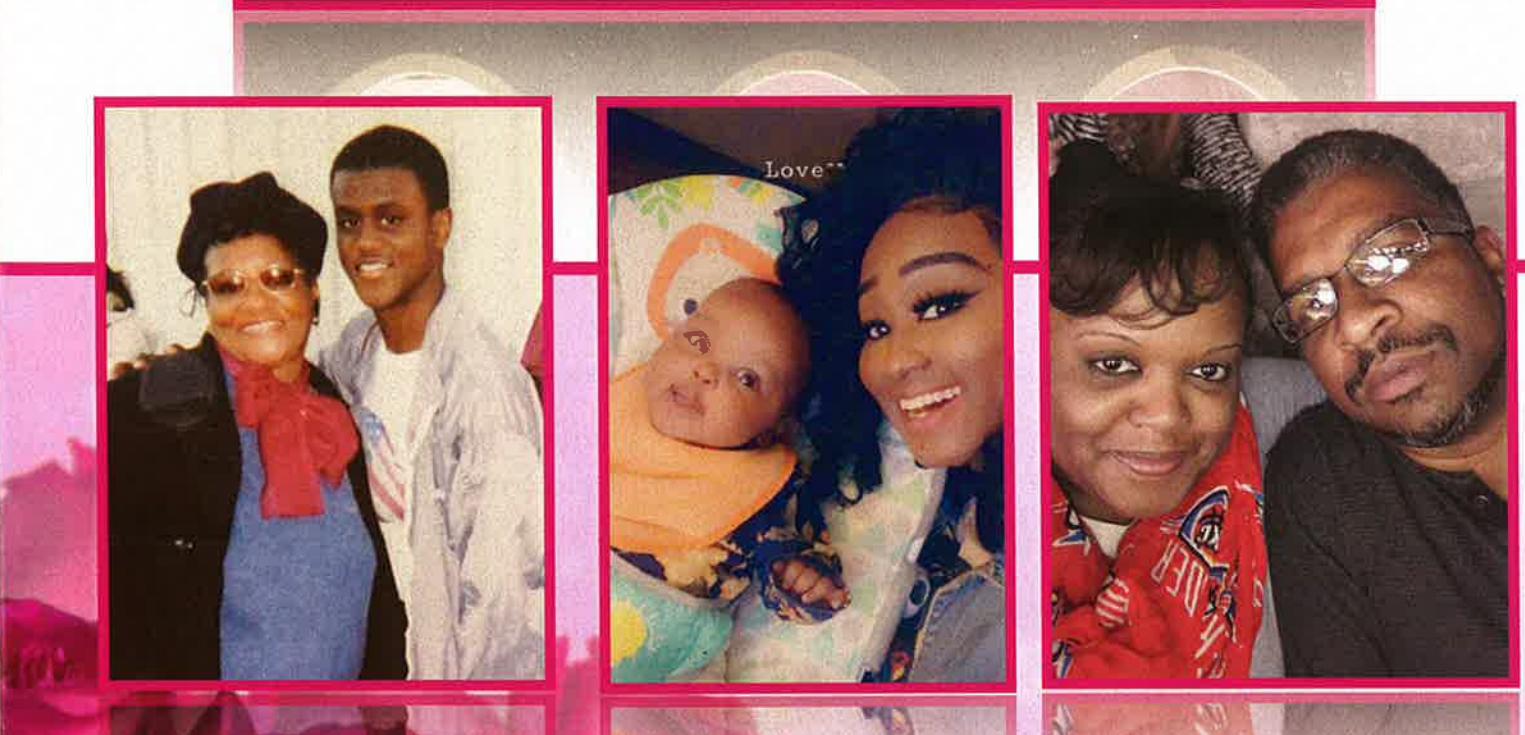
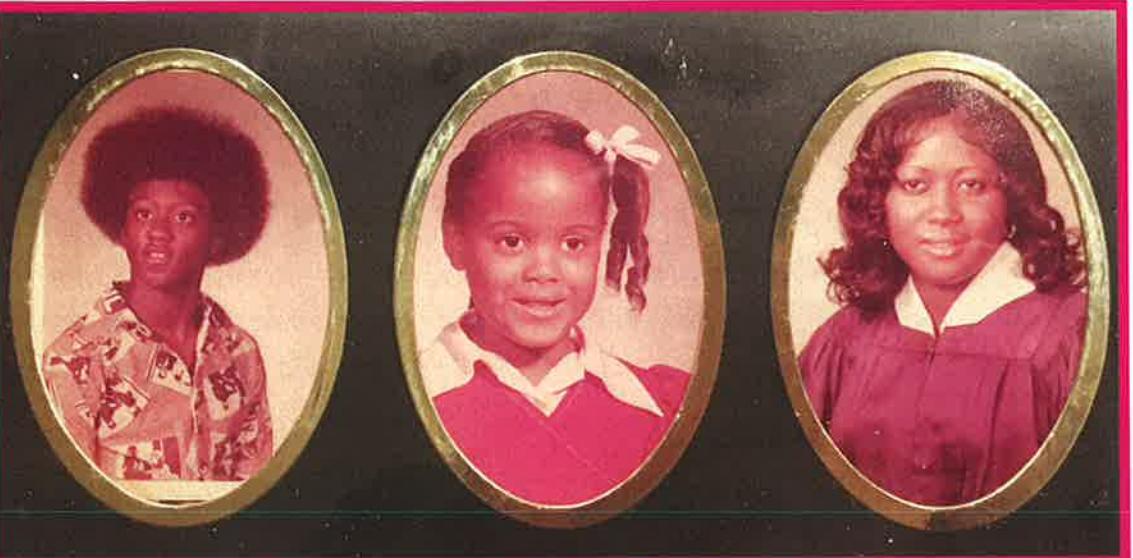
In her formative years, Doretha accepted Christ at an early age in the loving community of Oklahoma City at New Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Basey. Her mother and father then relocated the family to Mt Carmel Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. She always loved going to church, ready her Bible and singing hymns. It rooted her in a spiritual journey that would sustain her through grace and blessings for her 82 years of life.

From her youth, Doretha had fond memories of watching her father Cephus Hill doing chores around the house. She was truly a daddy's girl. Her mother would always have something cooking on the stove, cookies, and other desserts she would offer anyone that stopped by the house. She also loved to read and recite multiple authors. She enjoyed the works of James Weldon Johnson, and would often enter speaking contests.

Doretha attended Dunbar Elementary School. She went on to attend F. D. Moon Middle School where she was very active and chosen by her school band to be honored as Band Sweetheart. Later, Doretha attended Douglas High School to complete her Senior Year and graduated with the Douglas High School Senior Class of 1958. She treasured her friendships with her class, and they remained close after graduation.

Doretha was united in marriage with her childhood sweetheart Eugene Fred Fish in 1957, Oklahoma City. He would later proceed her in death, in 2013. They were blessed with 3 beautiful children: Regina D. Fish Jackson, Reginald Fish, Sr. (Eugenia) and Renita Fish-Wisby (Michael).

Doretha enjoyed doing hair in her kitchen and attended Cosmetology School to supplement income for her family. She always pushed herself to be the best and instilled this in her children. This was most evident when she became the first Black female supervisor over electronics at University Sounds (ALTEC).



Order of Service

Friday, November 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
5700 N. Kelley Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Precious Moments

Parting Glance

Processional
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading
Old Testament ~ Rev. Wanda Thomas
New Testament ~ Dr. Lawrence Kirk

Prayer
Rev. David Dawson

Selection
St. John Music Ministry

Resolutions and Acknowledgement
Sister Patricia Powell, St. John Administrative Secretary

Remarks
Grandchildren of Doretha Fish Franks

Family and Friends of Sister Doretha
not to exceed 5 remarks for 2 minutes (not sure how to word this).

Selection
St. John Music Ministry

Words of Comfort
Dr. M. L. Jemison, Pastor

Recessional
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Doretha and her family relocated to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where she worked with Conoco Oil Refinery. Again, pushing herself to make a difference in the community she found herself in, she attended Real Estate School in Tonkawa, Oklahoma and became the first Black Real Estate Agent and then Broker in Ponca City. She went on to have her own company, Doretha Fish Real Estate. It was during this time she embarked on her journey to desegregate the housing districts in Ponca City for more racially diverse and inclusive neighborhoods.

Doretha and her family eventually returned to Oklahoma City, where she continued her Real Estate career. She later accepted a position at Tinker Air Force Base as an Aircraft Parts Inspector in 1980.

Doretha was united in marriage to Mr. Altus Franks on June 9, 2007. With this union, Doretha was also blessed with three stepchildren, Altus Franks, Jr., Vendree Jones and Kirk Dean Franks. Doretha was a devoted Christian and loved her St. John Missionary Baptist Church family. She served faithfully on the Usher Board, Hospitality Committee, Mission Group and was an avid Sunday School Class attendee.

In addition to her 3 children, Doretha was especially fond of her 3 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandsons who lovingly called her "Gamma".

Doretha was always the "life of the party" and enjoyed making people laugh. She never met a stranger. She adored engaging with her siblings, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She delighted in taking trips with the church for conventions or traveling out of state.

Proceeding Doretha in death are her siblings, Bernice Hill Anderson, Ruby Jean Hill Prince, Minnie Mae McDonald, Margarite Johnson, Earl Hill, Roscoe Hill, Bobby Hill, Johnny Cephus 'J.C.' Hill, Herbert Hill, and Freddie Hill. Doretha is survived by her siblings, Charles Hill, and Loretta Hill Davis.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her loving husband, Altus Franks, Sr., her children, Regina Fish Jackson, Reginald Fish, Sr. (Eugenia), and Renita Fish-Wisby (Michael); three grandchildren, Antwanae Crawford, Reginald Fish, II, and Renita Alaine Fish, four great-grandchildren, Ashton Crawford, Camael Crawford, Jaiden 'J. C.' Crawford, Nia Sky Fish and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and family friends.

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23 Psalms

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



She Is Not Gone

She Is Not Gone Ease your grief, she is not gone, For in your heart she lingers on. Her smile, her laugh, her special way, Will comfort you from day to day. You'll feel her presence in the breeze, That dances gently through the trees, And it's her face that you shall see, When you're in need of company. At any time you can recall, The love you shared.. You saved it all. And in time, more than anything, You'll find peace in remembering.

