



Doris Estelle Golden

September 30, 1922 - July 5, 2016

Doris Estelle Golden was born September 30, 1922 about 60 miles from Austin in Davilla, Texas, to David and Melvinia Willis. Mrs. Golden moved to Austin where she attended Houston-Tillotson University, formerly known as Tillotson College. She also attended Vogue Beauty College here in Austin.

She was a licensed beautician and worked many years in that profession. She later worked for the Austin State School as a Dorm Assistant where she cared for the residents with physical and mental disabilities. She loved her job and served them well.

She was known for her love of cooking and entertaining, and was one of the best cooks in the world. She made sure that the meals she prepared were both nutritious and delicious. She also was an excellent baker, and made some of the most delicious cakes and pies and cobblers.

Doris was a very friendly person who celebrated diversity in people. She was a Military wife and loved meeting new people, learning about different cultures, and visiting different parts of the world. She always welcomed everyone to her home and made them feel like part of the family.

Doris's favorite scripture was "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". She was very grateful for the care that she received, and would always thank the Lord with this phrase "Lord I Thank-you". Later she added these words "Lord I Thank-you for all the days of my life." She praised God even in her sickness and pain. A phenomenal woman Mrs. Golden has been a member of the Olivet Baptist Church for 50 plus years, and has participated in the following ministries:

- Usher's Ministry, where she served as secretary for many years. She ushered in every city that we lived in when our military stations changed. She spent many years of her life as a door-keeper for the lord and she was passionate and seriously dedicated to serving God in that capacity
- Women's Ministry, (formerly known as the "Women's Missionary Society") where she also served as secretary for many years. Doris was a regular delegate for the Women's Missionary Society at the Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education and the Old Landmark Baptist District Association of Texas Inc.
- Vacation Bible School where she taught the toddler class. She had a way with children.

They would listen to her when no one else could get their attention.

- Church Women United Bible Study Group where she loved to study and participate in rigorous discussion of the bible lessons with other Christian women from a variety of faiths and denominations. She looked forward to these meetings, not only for the studying and learning, but also for the fellowship and collaboration with other Christian women.
- Helping Hands Ministry-She volunteered every week several times a week at the helping hands ministry, organizing clothing and assisting with the food pantry pick-up and distribution.
- Transportation Ministry- Mrs. Golden transported members to special services and conferences as one of the designated drivers of the church van. She extended that service with her personal vehicle to many of her friends who did not drive, often taking them shopping, to pick up prescriptions, to pay bills, and any other transportation requests that they might have. She saw it as a friendly gesture rather than additional work.
- Mrs. Golden also participated in city-wide usher organizations and National United Church Usher's Association of Texas, where she studied and fellowshiped with ushers from churches all over Texas and the United States.
- She was a member of the "Mother's Ministry", a "Godly Woman", with wisdom and knowledge that she shared with younger women.

Mrs. Golden also was a member of the Southern Regional Zeta Amicae Auxiliary Organization, and looked forward to the workshops and the annual tea that they hosted as a fundraiser for scholarships for high school students. She enjoyed the fun of socializing with the guests and other members, while at the same time, helping students with financial aid.

Mother Doris Golden was preceded in death by her loving parents David and Melvinia Willis, husband Nugent Golden, son Garrett Dunn, daughter-in-law Shirley Dunn, son-in-law Herbert Odu, sisters Mayola Warren, Almadine Underwood, Eldora Walker, Jessie Bates, Elizabeth Cottingham, and brother Lamascus Willis.

Left to cherish her memories sisters, Wyree McGee and Vyree Moore, daughters, Wanda Walker, Grace Odu, Pamela Golden, Sheila Dennis (Willie), "adopted daughters" Marva Scallion, Sharon Hudspeth Holmes, Melva Moore, grandchildren Maria Johnson, John Robinson Aurelius Walker, Nugent M. Golden, Shanta Odu, Willie Dennis Jr., Laila Dennis, Quentin Dennis, Anthony Dunn, Garrett Dunn II, Karen Dunn, and Cheryl Dunn. She also leaves to cherish her memories seventeen great grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 IH 35
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Olivet Baptist Church
1179 San Bernard Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Estelle Golden*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Wanda I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*
Michelle Curtis

Michelle - July 14, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Darlene Douglas lit a candle in memory of Doris Estelle Golden*



Darlene Douglas - July 13, 2016 at 12:26 PM