



## Sophie Ross

August 25, 1937 - November 9, 2023

### Obituary of Mother Sophie Sorrells Ross

Sophie Ross (aka Tiny or Mother Ross) was born to Hattie Dallas Sorrells and Calvin Sorrells, on August 25, 1937, in Taylor, Texas. Sophie was the youngest of seven siblings. She was married in Holy Matrimony to Charles Ross (Pony) in 1963 and together they raised two daughters and one son. They were married 31 years. Mother Sophie Ross passed away peacefully as she transitioned from this life to eternity on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the age of 86.

Sophie attended public school in Williamson County and graduated with honors from O. L. Price High School in 1955. In later years, she earned a Physical Therapist license. She held several jobs as a physical therapist in various skilled nursing homes in the beginning years of her career. She retired from the Trinity Care Center (formerly, Trinity Lutheran Nursing Home) of Round Rock after more than 20 years of service.

Sophie was saved in her youth and lived a devoted Christian life. For many years she was a member of Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Smith.

She confessed a strong faith in the Lord. God was the head of her life and she put Him first in everything she did. Two of her favorite hymns were Leaning on

the Everlasting Arms and Order My Steps.

Sophie moved her membership to the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in 1997 and served faithfully for more than 25 years until her death, under the leadership of her son, Pastor Tony Sorrells, Sr. Mother Ross enjoyed the esteemed favor of being the Pastor's Mother and she remained a faithful servant of the Lord and devoted member of Mt. Calvary. She loved the Lord and the Church, and she served with distinction, gladness, humility, and excellence in her many roles. She served as a member of the Board of Directors, as Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, and was elevated to Church Mother. Mother Ross gave faithfully her tithes and offerings unto the Lord, served in the women's auxiliaries, taught bible study, prepared and served countless meals, and she was a part of the hospitality committee. She always supported the youth by cooking and contributing to all fundraisers and summer camps, and she encouraged and trained many other young women to serve faithfully in the church with excellence. She loved reading her bible, studying, and teaching the Word of God. Mother Ross prayed daily and often fasted. When her health declined and she could no longer physically attend service in person, she remained a faithful supporter and joined Facebook so that she could be a part of the streaming community and stay connected.

Mother Ross loved life and her family. She enjoyed completing word puzzles, watching game shows, and soap operas (Young & the Restless was her favorite), looking up recipes and creating her own, and cooking so she could feed anyone who stopped by for a visit, especially for a slice of her homemade pineapple cake. She enjoyed spending time with her family and Thanksgiving was her favorite holiday to bring everyone together. Sophie always wanted the best for everyone and always saw the good in people. She always prayed for those whom she loved. She was a woman with much wisdom. Mother Ross exemplified the Proverbs 31 Woman. "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is

fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. (Proverbs 31: 29-31, NIV)

Sophie was preceded in death by her parents Hattie Dallas Sorrells and Calvin Sorrells; her husband Charles Ross, Jr., (Pony); her grandmother Mary Elizabeth Minerva-Dallas; her great-grandparent Laura Dallas; her siblings, Laura Smith, Rosie Lee Williams Mitchell, and Gracie Martin, Edward Morgan (Didlum), Willie Johnson, and Jack Martin, and great grandchild Derrick Thomas.

She is survived by her daughters Carolyn Foster and Rhonda Sorrels, son Rev. Tony Sorrells, Sr. (Audrey), goddaughter Fannie Hennington, and 15 grandchildren: Tammy Rogers (Dale), Trekeshelia Powell (Jason), Tracy Fisher, Michelle Sorrels, Tiffany Nealy, Mitchell Thompson (Daniyell), Michael Thompson, Regina Foster, Christina Johnson (Richard), Whittney McCray, Iris Rose Bunton (Marcus), Gilbert Christopher McCray, Kendra Deary, Tony Michael Sorrells, Jr. (Julia), and Tonya Bouldin (Tremale); 30 great grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; special nieces Alaticia Samuel, Barbara Smith, Shirley Kelly, Sharon Fitch, and Barbara Warren; nephew Alan Williams; long-time friend and former co-worker Doris Ross, as well as a host of other dear nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Mother Ross' legacy will live on because of who she was and the positive impact she made on the lives of others. She laid the foundation and set the example because she was a praying woman, a courageous woman, a virtuous woman, a "tiny" but mighty woman, a loving woman, a faithful woman and most importantly a woman of God. Each of you can find an aspect of her legacy to carry forward to remind you she will always be with you. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Hold

on to the memories for those memories will help you navigate the days ahead.

# Cemetery Details

## Taylor City Cemetery

1101 E 4th Street  
Taylor, TX

# Previous Events

## PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jerusalem Pentecostal Church  
908 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Taylor, TX 76574

## Celebration Service

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*Under the Direction of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Taylor, TX*

## BURIAL

NOV 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ In memory of my Aunt Tiny, thank you for your sweet spirit and showing us how to love the way the Lord instructed us. Rest in Heaven until the great union, see you there. Your niece Sheila Haney. ❤️

Sheila Haney - November 27, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sophie Ross.



November 24, 2023 at 09:55 AM

BH

“ Rest in Peace Mrs. Sophie you always had a kind and beautiful spirit



Brenda Brockington Hennington - November 22, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sophie Ross.



November 22, 2023 at 01:46 AM

HD

“ *Harriet Dixon lit a candle in memory of Sophie Ross*



Harriet Dixon - November 17, 2023 at 07:35 PM

HD

*Dea. Dixon & I is praying for Gods agape love to comfort you and your family during this very difficult time. 🦋🙏*

Harriet Dixon - November 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM

FH

“ *FANNIE M HENNINGTON lit a candle in memory of Sophie Ross*



FANNIE M HENNINGTON - November 17, 2023 at 01:13 PM

TR

“ *I am forever grateful and thankful that you are my Grandmother! Rest well Maw-Maw you have received your award “to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”*



TAMMY ROGERS - November 17, 2023 at 02:16 AM

LW

“ *My condolences to my cousins RIP Aunt tiny*



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**Lavonne Williams** - November 16, 2023 at 07:17 PM

TP

“ *I love you mom and I'm going to miss you deeply! Rest well my queen!* 🙏❤️



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**Trek Powell** - November 16, 2023 at 11:40 AM