



## Dora Lee Nowells

August 24, 1916 - September 1, 2019

Mrs. Dora Lee Arnold Bell Nowells was born to Mr. Asberry and Mrs. Maybell “Dink” Arnold in Statham, Georgia on August 24, 1916. She was the third born of twelve children. Mrs. Dora spent many days working on the farm at “The Old Home Place”, going to her grandfather’s store, and assisting in the rearing of her younger brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Dora accepted Christ as Savior, joined and was baptized at Fairfield Baptist Church , Statham Georgia. She attended school at Fairfield Baptist Church and completed the eighth grade with scholastic honors. Her academic intelligence was held in high regard as she was appointed as a teacher for younger children at the school. She was given the opportunity to further matriculate and attend college in Athens, Ga., but she chose to stay home and help take care of the family instead.

At 21 years of age, Mrs. Dora met and married Mr. Garfield Bell. They spent many years in Statham, and after the Gainesville Tornado of 1936, they moved their then small family to Gainesville, Ga. To their union were born, Mrs. Mamie Bell Young, Rev. Verlyn Bell, Mr. Robert Lee Bell, Mr. Frank Bell, and Min. Marilyn Bell Dixon.

Mrs. Dora worked for the Harben Family, as well as being an avid member of her church and various community organizations. Mrs. Dora worked for the

Harben Family for 37 years and developed a very close relationship them. Mrs. Dora was an active member of Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church. She served in leadership positions with the Sunday School, Missionary Society, Deacon's Wives, and Hospitality Committee. She also held leadership position in the Greater Northwestern Baptist Association with The Deacon's Wives. She was an active member of the Zeta Phi Lamda-- Christian Women's Sorority and worked to raise awareness of Sickle Cell Anemia and participated in many fundraising activities for this cause. She also was a member of the Labor and Aid Lodge—helping those in need in her surrounding community. Mrs. Dora also volunteered for the Girl's Club of Gainesville, Ga. in the 1980s and taught many young girls how to sew. Mrs. Dora was well known in the Barrow County and Hall County communities for her community involvement, care and love as a devoted missionary, special friend to many, and everybody's Mema.

In 1987, Mrs. Dora married Dea. Cornelius Nowells. They spent many happy years together working in the church, travelling on family vacations, and spending dedicated time with their family. During this time, Mrs. Dora had become caregiver for her mother, and did so for several years, along with her sisters.

On August 24, 2019; God blessed her to see 103 years of life surrounded by her dearest family and friends. On Sunday, September 1, 2019, in the early hours of the morning, Mrs. Dora fought the good fight of faith and finished her course. She went home to be with her Lord and received her freedom to dwell in the everlasting life He gives. Mrs. Dora's love and dedication to God, her family, her church, and her friends will be remembered and cherished as a legacy to generations to come.

Mother Dora Lee Arnold Bell Nowells is preceded in death by her father, Mr. Asberry Arnold; Mother Mrs. Maybell 'Dink' Arnold, Husband Dea. Garfield

Bell, Dea. Cornelius Nowells Siblings: Miss Ida Maude Arnold, Mr. Richard Arnold, Mrs. Lunnie Stroud, Mr. Theotis "Pete" Arnold, Mrs. Eula Mae Snow, Mr. Robert Arnold, Mr. Curtis Arnold and Mrs. Susie Mayweather Harris. Children: Rev. Verlyn C. Bell, Mr. Robert Lee Bell and Mrs. Mamie L. Young. Grandsons: Mr. Frankie C. Young and Mr. Christopher D. Bell.

She leaves to cherish her memories son Mr. Frank (Ella Mae) Bell, Savannah, Ga., daughter Min. Marilyn Dixon. Braselton, Ga. Sisters: Mrs. Paris Mayweather Conyers, Ga. , Mrs. Hazel Mack, Middletown, Ohio and Mrs. Annie Ruth McCoy, Cleveland, Ohio. 15 Grandchildren, 33 Great Grandchildren, 10 Great Great Grandchildren, 7 Great Great Great Grandchildren. A host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Relatives and Friends.

Repast for the family will be immediately following funeral service at Antioch Baptist Church, 1010 Mill Street, Gainesville, GA 30501

# Cemetery Details

## Fairfield Baptist Church Cemetery

2141 GA 82  
Statham , GA 30666

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church Statham  
2141 GA - 82  
Statham , GA 30666

## Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1010 Mill Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
<http://antiochbaptistgainesville.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dora Lee Nowells*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *'A Charge to Keep I Have' is a hymn that Aunt Dora eloquently sang on Facebook (as posted by her granddaughter). Aunt Dora Lee did keep her charge, her commitment to God; her service to God, mankind, family. She glorified, praised, worshipped God to the upmost. I thank her children and grandchildren for sharing her hymns, reflections, and testimonies; I feel more inspired and educated*

**Brenda Vann** - September 07, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Howard And Cynetia Banks lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells*



**Howard and Cynetia Banks** - September 06, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Charlene & Avery Niles lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells*



**Charlene & Avery Niles** - September 06, 2019 at 12:31 PM

RB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rev.Dr.Phelicia Barnes - September 05, 2019 at 11:33 PM

RB

“ Rev.Dr.Phelicia Barnes posted loving memories of grandma and family



Rev.Dr.Phelicia Barnes - September 05, 2019 at 11:29 PM

JS

“ John and Linder Suthers purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dora Lee Nowells.



John and Linder Suthers - September 05, 2019 at 04:48 PM

CD

“ Mrs. Dora Lee was a sweet wise woman. I Enjoyed visiting her when she stayed on Ridge Rd. Always enjoyed talking to her. One day I carried my poetry notebook to her house; she enjoyed reading my poems. I would occasionally call Mamie to ask about her and sent a copy of a poem. Rest in Peace, your family and friends Love you but God picked a beautiful flower from the garden because He Love You Best.

*Clara Ramsey Dorsey*

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**Clara Ramsey Dorsey** - September 05, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dora Lee Nowells.

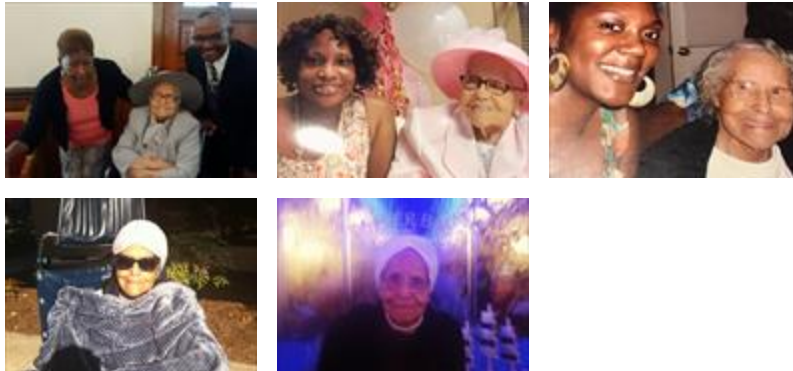


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September 05, 2019 at 11:30 AM

PH

“ 18 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Pastor Zora Hunt** - September 05, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dora Lee Nowells.*



September 05, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Ms.Dora lee knew the family .God bless you and yours.Louise Randolph*

**Louise Randolph** - September 04, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ *Joyce Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells*



**Joyce Mitchell** - September 04, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ *Lisa Harris lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells*



**Lisa Harris** - September 04, 2019 at 12:08 PM



*From our Family to Yours, Our deepest Condolences to you, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you. We Love y'all ❤️❤️*

**Lisa Harris** - September 04, 2019 at 12:09 PM

KB

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family* ”



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**Kimberly Bryant** - September 03, 2019 at 11:12 PM

HF

“ *Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells* ”



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**Hopkins Family** - September 03, 2019 at 09:02 PM

BW

“ *“My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Your mother, “Miss. Dora Lee Nowells,” was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed.”* ”



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**Branda M. Wilfred** - September 03, 2019 at 07:29 PM

CW

“ *Fly High and Continue to Guide us in Heaven as you did here on Earth. Love, Your Crystal* ”



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**Crystal Wilmont** - September 03, 2019 at 07:22 PM

CW

“ I will miss you dearly MeeMaw. The love you gave me all my life will forever be engraved in my heart. May your light continue to shine through your daughter Marilyn. Rest In Heaven sweet angel. I love you always...Crystal Wilmont



Crystal Wilmont - September 03, 2019 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ Jeraldine Sewell lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells



Jeraldine Sewell - September 03, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ Dorothy Bolden lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells



Dorothy Bolden - September 03, 2019 at 06:08 PM

RT

“ *Robin Tanner lit a candle in memory of Dora Lee Nowells*



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**Robin Tanner** - September 03, 2019 at 01:30 PM

RT

*My condolences to you all, during your time of bereavement.*

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**Robin Tanner** - September 03, 2019 at 01:30 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to the family of Mrs. Dora Lee Nowells. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during this sorrowful time.*



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**Elisa Bonds-Ratliff** - September 01, 2019 at 09:26 PM

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*To Min. Marilyn Dixon and Family, just remember that EARTH HAVE NO SORROWS THAT HEAVEN CAN NOT HEAL, We Love You and We are PRAYING for YOU ALL.  
Mr. And Mrs. J. T. Borders Jr (Sandra)*

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**Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Borders Jr (Sandra)** - September 03, 2019 at 07:59 AM