

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND THE REMEMBRANCE

*of*

*Dorothy Mae Lavalais*



**Saturday, January 11, 2025 | 11 AM**  
Greater Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church  
3406 Nagle St • Houston, TX 77004  
*Pastor Daniel Ferdinand, Officiating*

September 7, 1935 - December 30, 2024



# *Her Loving Soul*

In Pineville, Louisiana at Huey P. Long Hospital, Dorothy Mae Lavalais was born to the late Paul and Leola Jacobs on September 7, 1935.

Their children were born respectively; Lilian (step sister), Elnora, Nellie Mae, Billie, Hayden Sr, Wallace, Dave, Jean, Joseph, Ellis, Elmer, William, Lee, Mary, Estella and Dorothy who was third to the oldest.

Dorothy lived in Marksville, Louisiana until the age of 18 before moving to Houston, Texas. At an early age, Dorothy helped her mother with house chores, taking care of her younger siblings and cooking. She became an excellent cook at an early age. That was her passion. She enjoyed making sure everyone had a good, hot meal to eat.

Dorothy was preceded in death by late husband, Laris Lavalais, and her siblings, Lillian, Elnora, Lee, Dave, Wallace, Estella and Billie and grandson Marcus.

Dorothy accepted Christ at an early age at St. Mary Baptist Church under Rev. Wallace Jacob; later Dorothy decided to move her fellowship to Greater Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, under Minister Emerson Butcher. She remained an active and faithful member, until her death, serving on the deacon board as a deaconess and in the mission choir. She enjoyed attending Sunday school and going to church every Sunday.

Dorothy and Laris Lavalais were joined in holy matrimony May 18, 1953 in Marksville, Louisiana. During that union 6 beautiful children were born, Elthel Mae Kirven, Larry Lavalais, Benard Dewayne Lavalais, Lonnie Ray Lavalais, Marilyn Ann Porterie, and Artemus Gordon Lavalais.

Dorothy worked various jobs including, Golden Age Manor, Gregg Elementary School, and St. Dominic where she was a nurses assistant. Dorothy was a gem and a very kind hearted, who was loved by many. She loved cooking, going to the nail shop and getting her hair done. She liked dressing up and looking her best.

She would do anything to help anyone. She gave all her children unconditional love. She gave until she decided it was enough and then she gave a little more. She was an outstanding mother, wife, grandmother, sister, auntie, cousin, and friend. We will miss her smile, her kindness, her love, and certainly her cooking.

Dorothy departed on December 30, 2024; she leaves to cherish her fond memories that will dwell in the hearts of her love ones: children, Elthel Mae Kirven (Joseph), Larry Lavalais, Bernard Lavalais (Dawn), Lonnie Ray Lavalais, Marilyn Porterie (Kenneth), Artemus Lavalais; siblings, Nellie Mae See, Hayden Jacob Sr, (Marginelle), Jean Jacob, Joseph Jacob (Burnetta), Ellis Jacob, (Marlene), Elmer Jacob, William Jacob, (Mercedes) Mary Shepard; grandchildren; Joseph M. Kirven, Cornelius Lavalais, Yolanda Petillo, Camisha Bolding (Keith), Quinnel Lavalais, Monique Lavalais, Larry Lavalais Jr, Samuel Kirven, Meagan Lavalais, Myosha Porterie-Brown (Nick), Tedrick Lavalais (Janie), Kenneth J. Porterie; great grand children; Jaden Kirven, Charis Lavalais, Cornelius Lavalais Jr, Cody Lavalais, Labria Lavalais, Cierra Lavalais, Keith Bolding Jr, Xavier Lavalais, La'Dejah Bolding, Faith Petillo, Jaedah Lavalais, Taelyn Lavalais, Josiah Lavalais, Thalia Lavalais & a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.*

(PSALM 23)



*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:  
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the  
righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them  
also that love his appearing."*

*II Timothy 4:7-8*

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Soft Music  
Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers & Family  
Opening Hymn.....Congregation

## Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading.....Appointee  
New Testament Reading.....Appointee

Prayer of Comfort.....Joseph Kirven  
Musical Selection.....Sister Butcher  
Resolutions.....Greater Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church & others  
Reading of Obituary.....Read Silently  
Expressions of Love.....Limit 2 minutes

Tribute from GMP  
Camisha Bolding  
Nicholas Brown

Musical Selection.....Shai Shanell  
The Eulogy.....Pastor Daniel Ferdinand  
Recessional.....Clergy, Pallbearer & Family











# Loving Tributes

## From the children

Mom, our minds are at ease. No more pain. You were the epitome of what a mom should be. Your caring spirit will always be right amongst us at all times. God has you in his arms now but we will always have you in our hearts.

Rest mom.

Your *Children*



## From the grandchildren

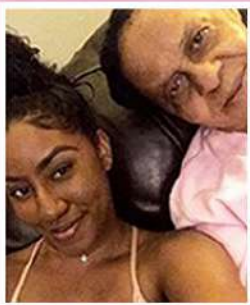
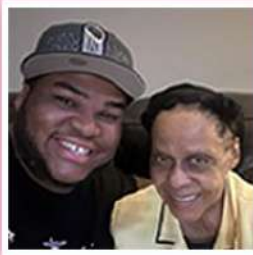
To our beloved Grandma, your warmth, wisdom, and endless love were the foundation of our lives. We will forever cherish the memories of your delicious meals, comforting hugs, and the stories you shared with such joy.

Your spirit lives on in our hearts, guiding us with the kindness and strength you taught us. We are so grateful for your presence in our lives, and we will miss you dearly.

Your *Grandchildren*









## *Active Pallbearers*

Cornelius Lavalais  
Samuel Kirven  
Hilman Porterie Jr.

Hayden Jacob Jr.  
Kevin Green  
James Gregg Jones

Quinnel Lavalais

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Bernard Lavalais  
Lonnie Ray Lavalais  
Larry Lavalais  
Artemus Lavalais

Joseph Michael Kirven  
Kenneth Porterie  
Joseph Kirven  
Terrell Ford

## *Our Sincere Gratitude*

The support of family and friends has meant more than words can convey. Our family acknowledges with gratitude the calls, cards, financial contributions, flowers, food, visits, and especially your prayers during our bereavement. A special thank you to Greater Mount Pilgrim and the medical staff at Methodist Emergency Center in Pearland & Methodist Hospital for their dedicated care. Many thanks to all of our family members and friends who considered it an honor to be a part of this celebration of life.

## *Her Final Resting Place*

Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery  
16000 Cullen - Houston, Texas

## *Repass*

Will be held at Greater Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in the fellowship hall.

## *Final Arrangements Entrusted to*

McCoy & Harrison Funeral Home, Inc  
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