



Dorothy Mae Johnson

January 30, 1935 - October 17, 2014

Dorothy was born on January 30th, 1935 in Gould Arkansas, the 6th child of Henry and Mary Hutson. She was named Darice Hutson, but in her pre-teen years wanted to change her name to Dorothy Mae. An unusual request for someone so young, however her father (Papa) agreed, and thus began a journey of innovation of this beautiful soul.

In 1954, she met Van Johnson and they married in August of 1955. As newlyweds, they began their life together in Dumas, AR. In December of 1959, Dorothy migrated to Richmond, CA. Three daughters Brenda, Gloria, and Antoinette were born from this union.

A true entrepreneur prolific in many fields, her first true career was with Golden State Mutual as an insurance sales agent and ended up winning trophies and awards each and every year as their top sales person. She also worked tirelessly as an advocate for the blind and began an organization that would insure the needs of the members would be addressed in the political arena. She was also a very creative political and community organizer who worked very closely with lawyers, judges, and illustrious political leaders such as Harvey Milk, Melvin Belli, Dianne Feinstein, Jerry Brown, Willie Brown and George Livingston to name just a few of her colleagues in that realm. Her dedication and hard work for human and civil rights were well known throughout the bay area and local elected officials made it policy to formally announce their candidacies at her home. As she became the president of the Bay Area/Hilltop Democratic Club, she pushed for policies to insure the rights

for those who traditionally had no voice to represent their needs to elected officials that are still on record to date. She also embarked in very successful endeavors in real estate, as a private investigator, as well as the owner of several businesses under Hutson Enterprises.

With all of her connections to individuals known now as leaders of the free world and her prolific business acumen, her most intense passion was her love for her family and friends...which she taught any TRUE friend IS family. Until the day she spoke no more, she continually uplifted family and was concerned about every aspect of the lives of everyone she loved. One of the most phenomenal things is she never just spoke about advocating for the comfort and safety of her family, she would immediately go into action and did not cease until the day she could no longer bless us with presence. Her spirit is true and puts love above all. Anointed by the most high as an ambassador of love, she will continue to be a muse in that effect to all that are willing to believe love will conquer all. Her love and dedication to our heavenly Father has taught by example the He is real, in control, and that All things work together for the good of them who love Him and are called according to His purpose. And this amazing woman who was given the gift of changing the hearts of the hardest of mankind simply with her beautiful smile, has undoubtable changed us all for the better.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Mary Hutson, daughter Brenda Faye Johnson, two brothers Jesse and Noble Hutson, and four sisters Alberta Summey, Aretha Mass, Mary Davis, and Mearl Lee Hutson.

Cemetery Details

Sunrise Memorial Cemetery

2201 Sacramento Street
Vallejo, CA

Previous Events

Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (PT)

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