



*Dorothy Martin-Butler*

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*The Celebration of Life for*  
*Dorothy Martin-Butler*



*Sunrise:* May 30, 1924 - *Sunset:* August 12, 2003



Tuesday, August 19, 2003

7:00 p.m.

**GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

3015 North MacGregor Way • Houston, Texas

*Rev. D.Z. Cofield, Senior Pastor - Officiating*

## *Obituary for*

# *Mrs. Dorothy Marie Martin-Butler*

Mrs. Dorothy Marie Martin-Butler, was called to heavenly glory on August 12, 2003. She was the first of six children born to John and Limmie Houston of Groveton, Texas. Dorothy graduated valedictorian from Groveton High School. She continued her education at Mary Allen College, Texas Southern College, and completed undergraduate studies from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas earning a degree in Home Economics in 1949. Post-graduate studies were done at Prairie View A&M College. Dorothy met and fell in love with Isaac W. Martin, Sr. from Fodice, Texas. They were married shortly after World War II in June, 1946. To this union, two sons were born, Isaac Jr., and Larry. After college and the birth of her first son, Dorothy began her teaching career in the Fodice public school system in 1954. She later started teaching at Groveton High School in 1958 as head of the Home Economics Department. She later taught at Groveton Elementary School until 1974. Then she began teaching in the Crockett school system, working at the primary and secondary levels until she retired in 1985, with 31 years as an educator.

After the death of her beloved husband, Isaac Sr. in January 1989, she later reunited in marriage to Nay Butler of Houston, Texas until his death in January 1995. Dorothy was a faithful member of White Rock United Methodist Church, Lovelady, Texas. In 1997, Dorothy went to live with her son, Larry and his family in Pearland, Texas due to health reasons. She later joined Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas where she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a member of the Order Of Eastern Stars and an active member in church activities at White Rock United Methodist Church, and a constant giver to charities.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her two husbands - Isaac W. Martin Sr. and Nay A. Butler; parents - John and Limmie Houston; and brothers - Leo Houston and Floyd Houston. She is survived by two sons and two daughters-in-law - Larry D. Martin and Celeste A. Martin of Pearland, Texas, Isaac Wesley Martin Jr. and Joyce B. Martin of Darmstadt, Germany; and one step-daughter - Ms. Senora Butler of Chicago, Illinois. Also left to mourn are seven grandchildren - Isaac Wesley Martin III of Atlanta, Georgia, Celeste Adriana Martin and Joseph Anderson-Wesley Martin of Pearland, Texas, Rawle Andre Fraser (wife, Keisha) of Hamilton, Bermuda, Michelle Alexis Fraser-Polite (husband, Joe) from Atlanta, Georgia, Cyril Wallace and Alyssa Wallace of Palestine, Texas; three great-grandchildren - Michael, Isaiah and Zya; three brothers - Chester Houston (wife, Farrah) of San Francisco, California, John Russell Houston (wife, Lena) of Houston, Texas, and Marvin Houston (wife, Mary) of Houston, Texas, one great-uncle - Louis Jackson (wife, Emily) of Huntsville, Texas, two brothers-in-law - Leslie Berry of Lovelady, Texas and Zealous D. Martin; sisters-in-law - Christine Martin and Alma Martin Mathis of Crockett, Texas, Joyce Butler of Houston, Eulalia Butler Taylor of Baytown, Texas, Mamie Butler Rhone of Yellow Spring, Ohio and Ellena Butler Edmondson of Chicago, Illinois; three loving goddaughters - Eva Wrightsil of Houston, Texas, Elnita Strickland of Lovelady, Texas and Barbara Shankle Williams of Salem, Oregon; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and many other dear friends and relatives.





*Precious Memories  
of  
Dorothy's Life*



*Leo Houston (Brother), Dorothy & Isaac (Husband)*

**May I Go Now?**

May I go now. Don't  
you think the time is right?  
Let me say goodbye to my  
family, friends, and  
loved ones...



*Dorothy and Isaac Wesley Martin, Sr. (Husband)*

Married: June 23, 1946



...Remember,  
as my breath ceases,  
my journey to glory  
begins...



*Isaac and Dorothy*



*The Martin Family  
Isaac Jr., Larry, Dorothy and Isaac Sr.*

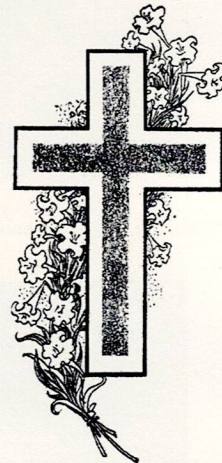


*John Houston  
(Father)*



*Dan and Fronia Hill (Grandparents) &  
Larry Martin*

...What joys I have had  
with each of you. Oh,  
and the memories,  
cherish them till we  
meet once more...



*Limmie Hill Houston (Mother), Isaac Sr., and Dorothy*

*Dorothy Martin and N.A. Butler (Husband)*

Married: December 22, 1990



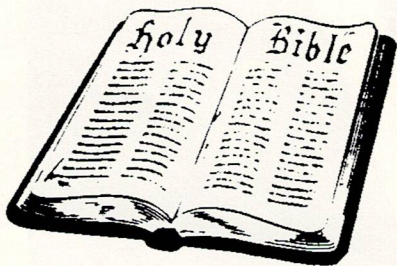
...God gave me a wonderful life and I have no regrets. With this life, I've done my best, and example I've tried to be...



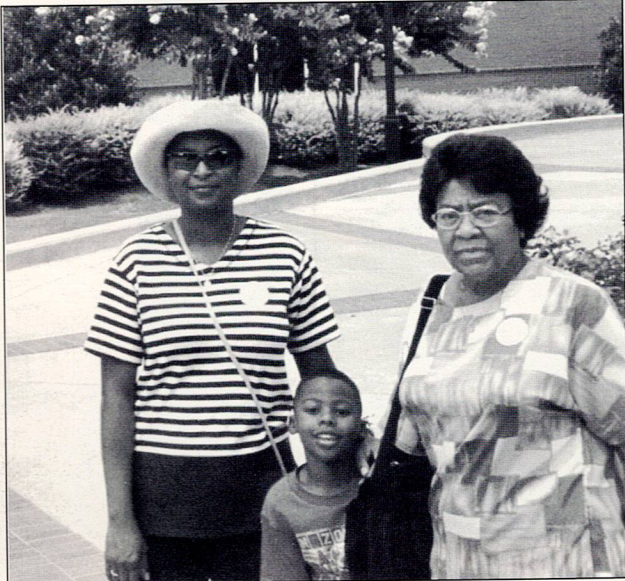


*Joseph Anderson-Wesley (Grandson)*  
*Joseph Anderson-Wesley*

...So, can I take  
this step beyond  
and set my  
spirit free?...



*Dorothy and Joseph*



*Celeste, Joseph and Dorothy*

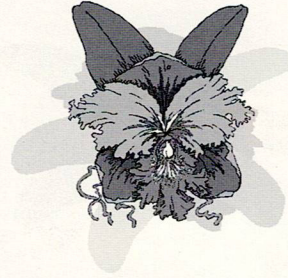


*Joseph*



*Celeste Adriana & Dorothy  
(Granddaughter)*

*Celeste Adriana (Granddaughter)*  
*Celeste Adriana*



...I didn't want to go  
at first. I fought with  
all my might! But  
something seems to  
draw me nearer,  
to a warm and  
living light...



*Celeste*

*Isaac Wesley III (Grandson)*

*Isaac Wesley*



*Isaac Wesley III (Grandson) & Tiffany Beard*



*Dorothy & Isaac III*

...To give you time to  
care for me and share  
your love and fears.  
I know you're sad  
and afraid; because  
I see your tears...



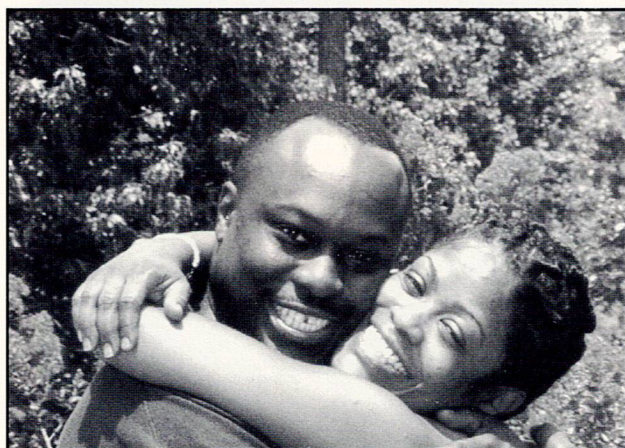
*Dorothy & Isaac III*

*Michelle Alexis (Granddaughter)*

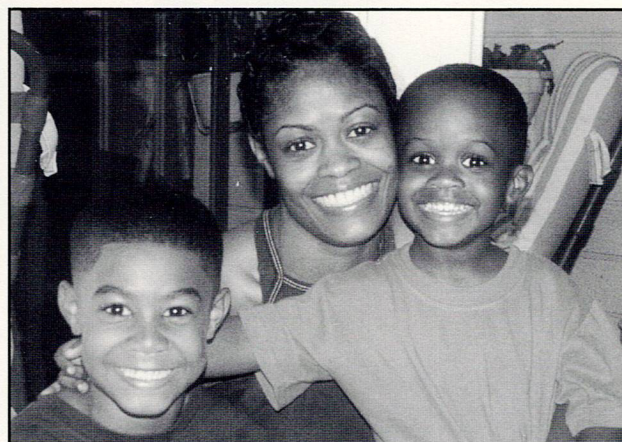
...I will not be far,  
I promise that, and  
hope you'll always  
know, that my spirit  
will be close to you  
wherever you may go...



*Michelle (Granddaughter) &  
Celeste*



*Joe Polite (Husband) and Michelle*



*Michael, Michelle and Isaiah*

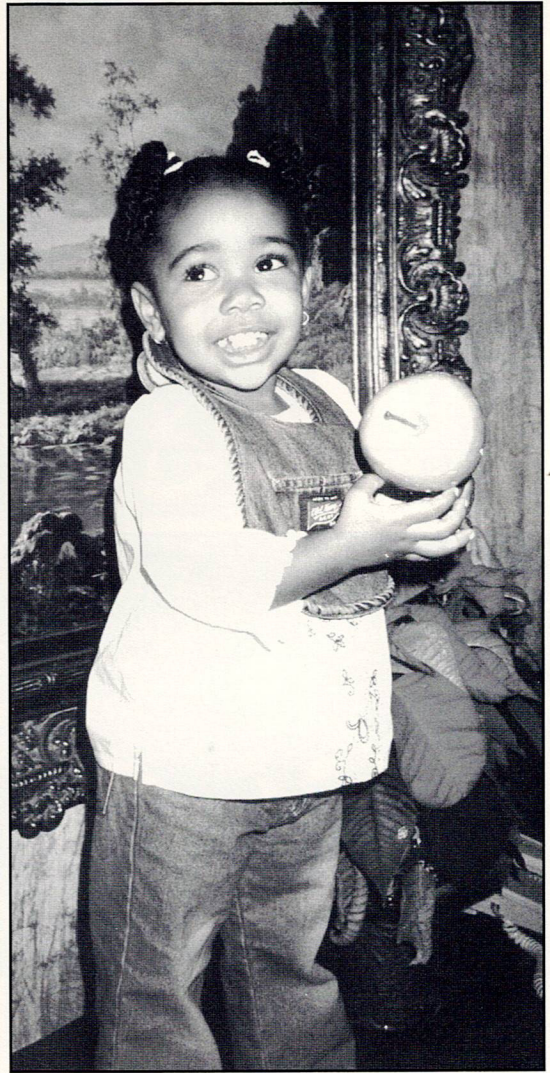


*Larry, Celeste, Michelle and Dorothy*

*Rawle André (Grandson)*  
*Rawle André*



*Zya Sade*



*Zya Sade*



*Keshia (Wife), Zya (Daughter) & Rawle (Grandson)*

...Thank you  
for loving me,  
you know  
I love you  
too...

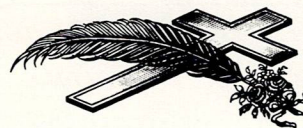


*Family and Friends*  
*Family & Friends*



*Celeste, Elliott, Celeste and Dorothy*

...That's why  
it's hard to say  
goodbye  
and end this  
life from you...



*John Russell Houston (Brother), Joseph, Dorothy and  
Marvin Houston (Brother)*



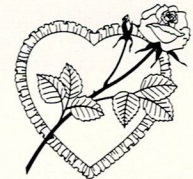
*Ann Bolton, Alicia Turner, Dorothy, Fannie Alexander*





*Retired Major  
Isaac Wesley Martin, Jr.  
and  
Joyce (Wife)*

...So hold me now,  
just one more time  
and let me know  
you say,  
you'll let me go  
today...



*Larry  
Donald  
Martin  
&  
Celeste  
(Wife)*



*Flora  
&  
Floyd*



*Brothers (L-R)  
Floyd, Leo, Chester,  
(Dorothy),  
John and Marvin*

*Children (L-R)  
Floyd (Nephew)  
and  
Gayla (Niece)*



*Leo*



*Chester*



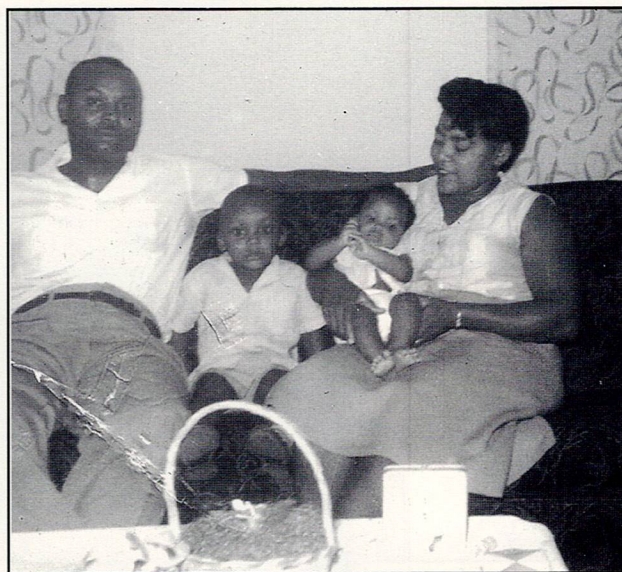


*Standing (L-R)*  
 Larry, Joyce, Isaac Jr.  
 and  
 Michelle

*Sitting (L-R)*  
 Celeste, Celeste (Andi),  
 Dorothy, Isaac Sr.  
 and  
 Isaac III



*Dorothy & Isaac Jr.*



*Isaac Sr., Isaac Jr., Larry and Dorothy*

*Celeste,  
 Dorothy,  
 Isaac III,  
 Isaac Sr.,  
 "Moma Limmie"  
 Houston,  
 Isaac Jr.,  
 Michelle,  
 Joyce  
 and  
 Rawle*



## *Matthew 5:3-12*



*Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.*

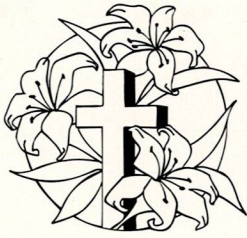
*Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and  
say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.*

*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven,  
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*



## Active Pallbearers

Deacons  
of  
Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church

## Honorary Pallbearers

Isaac W. Martin III  
Leo Houston Jr.  
Reginald Berry  
Edel Mathis

Rawle A. Fraser  
Samuel Strong  
Willie Strickland  
Luther Berry

## Acknowledgements

*During this trying hour, the concern of friends has been one of the sustaining elements. Your prayers have increased our faith and your words have encouraged our sad hearts. Your presence has given us an arm to lean on. Your kindness has helped us to maintain our strength with the expressions of each card and the fragrance of flowers given to the family. This and much more has added a touch of beauty during this time of bereavement. In due course, we hope to personally express our gratitude to each of you who came, who prayed, and who comforted us. This we desire to do when our hearts are once again lifted.*

*The Martin Family*

## Interment

FODICE CEMETERY • FODICE, TEXAS

Wednesday, August 20, 2003

11:30 a.m.

Officiating: Rev. Carl Strong

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