



Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman

August 21, 1931 - November 18, 2023

Derutha Ann Layton Dossman

On August 21, 1931, in Montgomery, Louisiana, Deola Robinson and Blanchard Layton were blessed with a beautiful baby girl. She was given the name Derutha Ann by her mother. Derutha spent her early years in Montgomery, Louisiana. It was there that she accepted Christ at the age of 8, and was baptized by the late

Reverend E. D. Thomas at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. She was always a devoted Christian and an active member in her church. She loved Sunday school and B.Y.P.U.

After she completed elementary school, she and her mother moved to Winnfield, Louisiana. There they united with Mount Olive Baptist Church. She served as corresponding secretary for the church throughout her high school years. She was also very active in Sunday school, B.Y.P.U., the youth choir, and did whatever else she was called upon to do.

Derutha graduated third in her class from high school at Winnfield Training School. With the assistance of her church and English teacher, she was able to attend Leland College, a Baptist Christian school in Baker, Louisiana, and graduated in 1957 with honors. After graduation, it was her desire to become a missionary,

however, it was there that she met, fell in love with, and married Curley M. Dossman on June 24, 1951. She then moved to Ville Platte, La., and united with the St. John Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Samuel W. Pullen, and where she remained until her demise under the leadership of Rev. Freddie Jack. Because of her love of her Savior, she consistently remained faithful. She served as corresponding secretary for 15 years and served on the finance committee for 8 years. She taught the Adult Sunday School Class and the Senior Mission for several years. She also worked with the youth department and the Southwest Missionary Association for 6 years. In addition, she worked with various other organizations.

Derutha began her teaching career as an elementary teacher in Evangeline Parish in 1953, at the Tate Cove School. She served at various other schools in the parish and retired in 1986 as principal of Hester Heath Elementary in June of 1986. She received her Master's Degree from Southern University in 1968, and her plus 30 from Southern University and USL in 1972.

Derutha was preceded in death by her Mother, Deola Robinson, her husband, Curley M. Dossman, Sr., and

her daughter, Darlene Dossman Jones. Mrs. Dossman is survived by a son, Curley M. Dossman, Jr. (Jennifer) of Lithonia, Georgia; a daughter, Judy D. Jenkins (John) of Carrollton, Texas; a grandson she and her husband raised as their son, Tommy C. Jones (Kayla) of Ville Platte, La.; Three grandsons, Jonathan Dossman (Quinette); John Jenkins, Jr. (Lydia) and Anthony Jones; Seven great grandchildren, Tyran, Tyler, Brandon, Madison, Ty, Fitzgerald and Ezra. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

We will celebrate her life at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 2, 2023 at St. John Baptist Church in Ville Platte, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in St. John Memorial Gardens.

Share words of comfort with the Dossman family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Ville Platte,

337-363-8111.

Cemetery Details

St. John Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Baptist Church
822 W. Hickory Street
Ville Platte, LA 70586

Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ Our heartfelt condolences are being extended to the Dossman family, during this difficult and dispirited time FOR YOU. May GOD continue to keep HIS strong arm of protection around YOU, the bereaved. Donald Winn and Family, St. Landry, La.

Donald Winn - December 01, 2023 at 11:56 PM

MV

“ Condolences & prayers to the family of Mrs. Dossman. Her family has our heartfelt sympathy from Mrs. Gradney daughters.



Mary G. Ventress - December 01, 2023 at 09:53 PM

DW

“ Our heartfelt condolences are being extended to the Dossman family, during this difficult time. May GOD continue to keep his strong arm of protection around you. Donald Winn and family, of St. Landry, La.

Donald Winn - December 01, 2023 at 08:49 PM

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“ Anke & Christian Fischer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.

Anke & Christian Fischer - December 01, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



December 01, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



November 30, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *Bobby Bradley and Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.

Bobby Bradley and Family - November 30, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



November 30, 2023 at 08:03 PM

OF

“ From: *OneTelemed Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.

OneTelemed Family - November 30, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



November 30, 2023 at 11:37 AM

RM

“ *Rhonda and Chris Matheison* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



Rhonda and Chris Matheison - November 29, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



November 29, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



November 29, 2023 at 06:54 AM



“ Kerrel Wilson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.

Kerrel Wilson and Family - November 28, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ Kerrel Wilson and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



Kerrel Wilson and Family - November 28, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ Gone but never forgotten in my heart. Ms. Derutha was a Jewel of a neighbor. Prayers and condolences to the Family.

Priscilla Thompson - November 28, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.*



November 28, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *BD., Debra, Ericka and Aaron Howard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.*



BD., Debra, Ericka and Aaron Howard - November 27, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.*



November 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Christian Fischer and your GP Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.*

Christian Fischer and your GP Family - November 27, 2023 at 10:24 AM

CF

“ Christian Fischer and your GP Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mrs. Derutha L. Dossman.



Christian Fischer and your GP Family - November 27, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DF

“ Our deepest condolences Tommy Jones from Jerome Johnson and Dianna Freeman-Johnson



Dianna Freeman-Johnson - November 26, 2023 at 11:22 PM

CW

“ Our prayer, love and service are provided to the family at this time.... We love you all... Sincerely, Denise, Eliscia, Evan and Clint Walker...



Clint Walker - November 26, 2023 at 10:18 PM

VW

“ To the Dossman and Jenkins Family:
Words will not wipe away your tears and hugs may not ease the pain, but hold onto your memories because forever they will remain
Sending you our love and comfort. Deepest sympathies for your loss.

Clyde, Jenny and Chris

VW - November 25, 2023 at 06:32 PM

SD

“ To the family of Mrs. Dossman, my prayers are with you. I remember her teaching me in the 7th grade and she was always beautiful and classy.

Sherril D. Darbonne

Sherril Darbonne - November 25, 2023 at 09:47 AM

CD

“ Praying For The Family... May Our Beloved Beautiful Sister Soul Rip And May God Be Please With Her... 🌹❤️🙏😊! Mr & Mrs Clarence DeVille

Clarence Deville - November 23, 2023 at 12:58 AM

SD

Rest In Peace our beloved teacher

sherril darbonne - November 25, 2023 at 11:13 AM

PT

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Priscilla Thompson - November 27, 2023 at 04:06 PM

CF

Our sincere condolences to the Dossman family. We hope you find peace and solace in the comfort of family and friends. Anke & Christian Fischer

Christian Fischer - December 01, 2023 at 10:34 AM