



Dorothy L. Cobbs

December 7, 1947 - June 2, 2017

Dorothy L. Cobbs was born December 7, 1947 in Olive Branch, Illinois to Willie Mae Cobbs Peck. She was the eldest of nine children.

Dorothy graduated from Cairo High School in Cairo, IL and from there attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana where she received her Bachelors in Afro-American Studies. She didn't stop there she attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York where she received a Masters degree. Dorothy was a person who believed strongly in learning and higher education so she went on to get a Ph.D. and a law degree. Dorothy was a private person, so much so she didn't talk about her many accomplishments. Dorothy would from time to time come up with a few jokes. She enjoyed reading and traveling to the islands with her sisters. She was kind and generous to everyone she met.

Dorothy worked for the American Hospital Association (AHA) for about 30 years where she had an extended AHA family whom she loved dearly and they loved her. Due to illness, she retired from AHA about six years ago.

Our beloved sister, aunt and friend departed this life on June 2, 2017. Her parents, and two brothers, Thomas and Leroy Jr. preceded her in death.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories, six siblings, Gregory, Patricia,

Barbara, Sheena, Meredith and Fergerson; two uncles, two aunts, four nieces, two nephews, four great nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Dorothy you will be missed and we love you.

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“ Dorothy L. Cobbs

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“ Still in complete shock... our time was deff cut short.. But I'll never forget the time together we shared. You will never be forgotten and always hold a special place in my heart. Can't wait for you to hold me again forever your babydoll....

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My fond memories of Dorothy was going to her apartment on Stewart Avenue, in Ithaca, NY 1974. She gave me a typewriter, a record player (yellow), and some vinyl LP records like Al Green, I was almost a teenager then. Today, I was listening to one of Al Green's songs and I thought of her, so I searched Google and just typed in Dorothy Cobbs and I saw next was Cornell...I just want to share with you this precious moment with you, I have often thought of Dorothy, and she's at peace now, and will be forever missed.

My name is Deanne Halstead-White and my mom knew Dorothy from Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Deanne White - December 21, 2022 at 10:51 AM