



Dorothy Jean Kilgore

December 17, 1929 - December 24, 2025

Dorothy Kilgore, age 96, passed away on December 24, 2025, surrounded by her loving husband at the time of her passing. Dorothy was born on December 17, 1929. She lived a life rooted in faith, love, and service, leaving a lasting legacy in the hearts of all who knew her.

On December 18, 1947, Dorothy married the love of her life, and together they celebrated 78 years of marriage. As a devoted wife and faithful partner in ministry, Dorothy served faithfully alongside her husband as a pastor's wife. Her life was a testimony of unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ, and her steadfast faith touched countless lives through years of ministry and service to the church.

Dorothy is survived by her sisters, Barbara Roberson and Faye Gordon; her son-in-law, Dwayne Malson; and her daughter-in-law, Carol Kilgore. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: April Hooper and husband Matt, Justin Malson and wife Allison, Shane Malson and wife Rebecca, and Kameron Malson and wife Megan.

Dorothy was a proud great-grandmother to Abbie Hooper, Maddie Hooper, Jaxon Malson, Victoria Malson, Grant Malson, and Max Malson, as well as a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Doris; her brothers Jack, Rex, Ray, and Bob; her children Patricia Malson and Ronald Kilgore; and her great-grandchild Austin Malson.

A viewing will be held on January 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at

Mission Family Mortuary.

Dorothy's life was a reflection of her deep faith and love for the Lord. She has now entered the presence of her Savior, Jesus Christ, and her legacy of faith, love, and service will continue through the generations she leaves behind.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

9101 Kern Canyon
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Previous Events

Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mini Classic Charcuterie & Board Gift Set was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.*



January 15 at 01:13 PM



“ *Our condolences Pastor, Dwayne, grandkids and all family and friends. We are in the friends and sheep category. You both lead us in our young years, marriage, ministry, and dedicated our children who now have children. We are forever grateful to you both. Thank you for investing in our lives. Love, Hugs and prayers. Darrel & Ginger Brooks*

Ginger Brooks - January 15 at 01:05 PM



“ *Faye Gordon, Sheryl Middleton, Bev Tighe purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.*



Faye Gordon, Sheryl Middleton, Bev Tighe - January 12 at 07:43 PM



“ *Faye Gordon, Sheryl Middleton, Bev Tighe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.*

Faye Gordon, Sheryl Middleton, Bev Tighe - January 12 at 07:43 PM



“ Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.



January 12 at 01:21 PM



“ kenny I mount jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.

kenny I mount jr - January 12 at 01:21 PM



“ Gene n Cheryl Kilgore/Faith Assembly purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.



Gene n Cheryl Kilgore/Faith Assembly - January 12 at 08:53 AM



“ Pastor so sorry for your loss but I know you have the comfort of knowing Dorothy is with loved ones. So many precious memories..
Love you,
Carol Tenhet

Carol Tenhet - January 12 at 06:42 AM

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“ *The grandkids purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Jean Kilgore.*



The grandkids - January 09 at 11:58 AM

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“ *Marvin, my heart grieves for my sister, Dorothy! I know where she is and take extreme comfort knowing she is with Her Savior whom she served all these years for the Kingdom of God. As you are aware, God is our source and comfort and we love you and family very very much! With Love, Barbara Fielding Roberson! (Youngest of the 8!)*



Barbara Roberson - January 07 at 09:28 AM