



## Castella Delores Dickerson

September 7, 1935 - April 16, 2026

### Her Journey

Castella Delores Scott Dickerson began her walk in life on September 7, 1935, in Aberdeen Maryland. Her journey came to an unexpected end Thursday April 16, 2026, peaceful at her home in Keystone WV. Castella was the daughter of the late Eva Geneva Giles and Leonard Hardy. Castella spent her early childhood in Aberdeen, Maryland. She and her mother later relocated to Coalwood, West Virginia, where she lived until adulthood. She also resided in Havaco and Elkhorn, West Virginia, before moving to Keystone WV, where she lived for 50 years and attended the West Virginia school system.

Known fondly to family and friends as "Cassie Boots," she was a much-beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a "mother of heart" to her many adopted children who called her mother. Throughout her 90-year journey, Cassie left a lasting impression on everyone she met; once you met her, you would never forget her.

As the cherished matriarch of her family, she relied on her faith as a guiding light to nurture, uplift, teach, and guide. Her words carried truth, and her lessons carried love. Her embraces, hugs, and kisses felt like a refuge.

Castella faith brought her peace and strength throughout her life.

Castella was united in marriage to James Ivory Dickerson, and this union was blessed with one son and five daughters. James was a member of West

Virginia Golden Voices. Previously joined in marriage to Ulysses Scott and was blessed with a son and daughter.

Castella accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior early in life and her confession of her faith led her to seek a lifetime close relationship with God. She began her Christian walk at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Coalwood, continued her growth at Gospel Tabernacle UHC in Keystone, WV and was currently a faithful member of New Vision UHC in Northfork, West Virginia. She was a dedicated, supportive, and loyal member who enjoyed serving wherever she was needed.

Her role within the church were many and included: Mother of the Church, Deaconess, President of the Usher Board, President of the Senior Choir and Church Treasurer. President of the Kitchen Committee for over 30 years. Member of the United Holiness Body for 48 years.

After wearing many hats in life as a wife, mother, grandmother, and caregiver, she decided to join the workforce—though her family thought she was kidding! She joined the Foster Grandparent Program through the Council of the Southern Mountains, working daily in the classroom with "Ms. Day and the kids." She served at both Kimball Elementary and Mount View School. She loved the children and they loved her; she even rode the school bus with them every day. A tribute will be held in her honor at Mount View School.

Even though our "Cassie Boots" has stepped beyond this world, her influence lives on in the hearts of all those she nurtured. Her spirit is forever woven into the memories of those blessed enough to have known her.

Castella was preceded in transition by her parents, Eva Geneva Giles and Leonard Hardy; her husband James Dickerson; her mother-in-law Fanny Lane; her sons Ulysses Scott Sr. (Butch) and James Oliver Hamilton (Splo); two daughters Willie Kate Dickerson (Katie) and Drema Menafe; granddaughters Anitras D. Smith and Latasha S. Logan; grandson Karletha Dickerson. Now they are all reunited in Heaven.

Her life will continue to be celebrated through the loving, precious and cherished memories by her children: Rhonda Pat Scott Logan (Winston-

Salem, NC), Arnette D. Taylor (Michael) Princeton, WV, Jacqueline D. Johnson (Reverend Daniel) Warren OH, Patricia D. Clark (Reverend Mark) San Diego, CA, Armentra Elkrin (Marshall) Tennessee.

A cornerstone of a remarkable five-generation family, Castella leaves behind a sprawling legacy of love and devotion. A vibrant family, including 21 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren. In addition to family members and friends, Castella's life was enriched by adopted children and several special friends, including Roosevelt Culberton, Donna, Peaches, and Maria.

"Well done, good and faithful servant" -- Matthew 25:23

Memorial services will be Saturday April 25, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Anthony M. Tucker officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 11:30 until service time.

Mercer Funeral Home is assisting the Dickerson family with funeral services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
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## Funeral Service

APR **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Prayers and sympathy to the family. She was a sweet person and will be missed by all that knew her.*

*Tamsey and Dion Kelsor*



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**Tamsey B Kelsor** - April 24 at 08:47 PM