



Dolores M. Tansil

January 5, 1948 - August 22, 2025

Mrs. Dolores Tansil made her transition on August 22, 2025. Please take a moment to leave comforting words of condolences for her family. In lieu of flowers, her family has asked that a donation be made to Breast Cancer Research.

Dolores Tansil (affectionately known as Dee, Grandma Dee and Mother Dee) was born in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI on January 5, 1948, to the late Juancito Milliner and Elma Francois. Dolores, a devoted servant of God, beloved mother, grandmother and cherished friend, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, on August 22, 2025, after courageously fighting an 8-year battle with breast cancer. Dolores carried the warmth, spirit and resilience of her island home throughout her life.

Dolores graduated from St. Peter and Paul Catholic school in St Thomas in 1967. She earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio Dominican College in 1971 and her master's degree in counseling from the University of Cincinnati in 1975. Following her retirement from General Motors where she worked in Human Resources, she devoted her life to her family and her ministry. Dolores hosted an AM radio praise and worship talk show for many years in the Grand Blanc area and was also a published author who inspired readers through her book, *The Prayer of Achsah*.

Dolores was called to the ministry early in life and faithfully served as a minister, ordained under the ministry of Bishop Loren Covarrubias Mt. Zion Evangelical, for many years. Later, she served as the Church Mother and District Missionary of Thy Kingdom Come Church of God in Christ under the Pastorate, Superintendent Lary T. Murray and Supervisor Renee' F. Murray. Dolores was blessed to not only visit Israel twice, but to minister the word of God in the Holy Land, and serve as District Missionary COGIC Israel Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. She founded Global Intercessor Prayer Conferences and Prayer line, constantly interceding on behalf of those in need. She was called to do prayer revivals, leading many near Flint and Grand Blanc, Michigan. Through her preaching, teaching and compassionate care, she touched countless lives, guiding, healing, and delivering others with her wisdom, prayer and unwavering faith in Christ. Her mission was rooted in love, service and the belief that God's grace carries us through all things.

Dolores is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Abner. She is survived and will be forever cherished by her sons, Imari Love (Sarah) and Matthew Tansil, and her step-daughter, Carla Lewis (Mario); her sister Nelia Deiz (Robert) and brother Elouis Jeppesen (Yonsil); two grandchildren, Jaden Love and Nia Love; her nephews, Jamal Deiz, Sean Deiz (Shay), Johnny, Greg and Andy Jeppesen and her niece Jessica Trufont (Desmond) and great nephews, Jurell Deiz and Sebastian Deiz, and great niece, ShaKila Woods.

Dolores will be remembered for her kindness, strength and generosity of spirit. She never hesitated to lend a helping hand, speak an encouraging word or shower others with warmth and generous gifts. She poured her heart into family and her ministry, leaving a legacy of faith, love and perseverance. Though she is no longer with us in body, her spirit lives on in the many lives she touched. Her memory will forever be a blessing to those who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

AUG **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Greater Mitchell Temple
13737 Curtis St
Detroit, MI 48235

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Greater Mitchell Temple
13737 Curtis St
Detroit, MI 48235

Repast

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Complex Banquet Hall
3800 Puritan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48238

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *My spiritual mother. We are not words that can possibly explain or cover everything that she has meant to me and my walk and foundation in Jesus Christ. She will forever be a pillar of my relationship with the Lord. I am forever grateful to her and all that she had to endure and her consistent yes to the Lord.*

Angela Miles - September 02, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SI

“ *St Peter & Paul Catholic High school Class of 1966 St Thomas US Virgin Islands planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores M. Tansil.*

St Peter & Paul Catholic High school Class of 1966 St Thomas US Virgin Islands - August 30, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DF

“ *DAVID & Celeste Blyden & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dolores M. Tansil.*



DAVID & Celeste Blyden & Family - August 30, 2025 at 02:31 PM

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DI

“ *Dolores and I went all through school together in St. Thomas, Virginia Islands. We were best friends. We were in Girl Scouts together and went camping in St. John, VI with several of our friends. We worked together at the VI telephone Co. the summer between High School and College. We shared so many wonderful times together. Although we had not seen each other for many years, we texted and emailed each other from time to time. She will always be in my heart as a wonderful friend and person! The world is a much better place because she lived!* 💖

Dorothy Ann Maguire Isaacs - August 30, 2025 at 11:32 AM

“ Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

To the Family,

Imari Love (Sarah) and Matthew Tansil, Carla Lewis (Mario), Jaden Love and Nia Love, her siblings, nieces, nephews, and the entire family,

Though I am deeply saddened that I cannot be there in person today due to circumstances beyond my control, I could not let this moment pass without taking the time to honor this entire family for sharing such a beautiful gift with the world. Thank you.

Mother “Dee” has been a pillar in my life for the past 15 years.

God placed her in my life as a gift, a teacher, and a friend.

Through her, I learned from the Word of God how to love people unconditionally, the importance of leading others to her Holy JC (Jesus Christ), and the power of prayer through those many days and nights online and during our monthly Shut-ins in Clarkston.

She imparted countless life lessons to me—lessons I am still living out daily.

I’m also grateful for how she balanced her personal life while showing such deep, steadfast love for her family. Though small in stature, she stood tall in the Lord.

She was a holy woman of God—kind, full of wisdom, and grace. She was absolutely amazing. I could go on forever about the impact she has had on my life, but I’ll leave you with this:

The only time I ever saw her show “her extreme passion” for winning a game was during an intense battle of Scrabble on Thanksgiving Day at Nelia’s.

She started placing letters together and creating words that I still can't pronounce to this day! (Lol)

It didn't matter that I had never played before; she proudly asked for all her points and continued with that signature "I'm winning" chuckle.

I will miss dearly one of the greatest vessels to ever walk this earth. Mother Dee was a true gem, and I'm thankful God allowed me to experience His love through her exemplary life in Him.

Family, my prayers are with you all as you navigate this difficult time. May the peace of God be with you, and may you find comfort in His presence.

*I'll love you always,
Mother Dee
Your Leaci~*



Pastor Alicia Hill - August 30, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JD

“ 22 files added to the tribute wall



Jurell Deiz - August 30, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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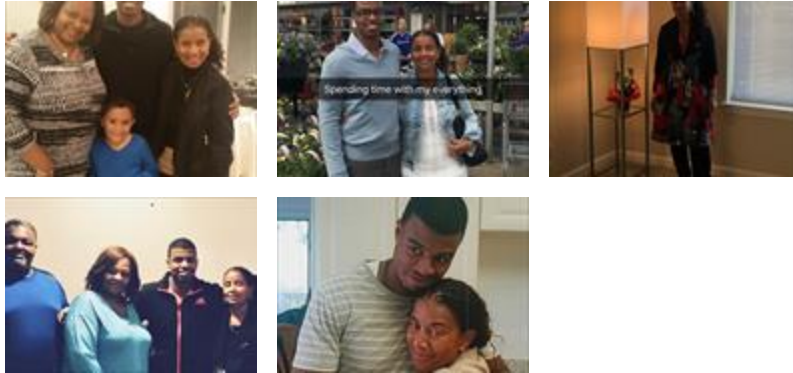
KE

“ *“Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4. For my beloved and lifelong friend and classmate, thank you for the gift of your friendship. You rest now. God’s peace be unto you who have moved from form to formlessness. To Dolores’ family, remember: “To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens ... A time to be born, and a time to die ... A time to weep, and a time to laugh, and a time to dance....” Ecclesiastes 3.*

Karolyn Elskoe, Esq. - August 30, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MT

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Matthew Tansil - August 30, 2025 at 07:19 AM

JB

Matthew (and family) we are truly sorry for your loss. Your mom was the best, so sweet and kind. The cutest and always dressed to the "T". She was also a good friend of my mother (Aleta Curry). Together they were prayer warriors. These are such nice pictures. We will continually pray for your family. Love - The Burns Family (Robert, Jade, Bobby and Cade)

Jade Burns - August 30, 2025 at 08:25 AM

SR

“ *Cousin Dolores Tansil was the epitome of beauty and grace. I should not have been surprised when she called to pray with me when I was facing medical challenges, even though we had not seen each other in person for decades. Her ministry was a tremendous blessing. She joyfully and consistently shared her comprehensive and insightful knowledge of the Bible with our family's prayer community.*

Susanna (and my Blyden siblings), as well as Heraldo , Herasanna and Jacob wish to extend love and condolences to Nelia and to Dolores' descendants and extended family members. As much as we will miss her, we know that she is being joyfully welcomed into the Heavenly realms.

Susanna Richards - August 30, 2025 at 04:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores M. Tansil.

August 29, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Children of Luther & Edith Milliner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dolores M. Tansil.



Children of Luther & Edith Milliner - August 29, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Children of Luther & Edith Milliner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores M. Tansil.

Children of Luther & Edith Milliner - August 29, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dolores M. Tansil.



August 28, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ Karolyn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores M. Tansil.

Karolyn M. - August 28, 2025 at 04:31 PM

DI

“ Dorothy Ann Maguire Isaacs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dolores M. Tansil.



Dorothy Ann Maguire Isaacs - August 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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Dorothy Ann Maguire Isaacs - August 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM

CC

“ Condolences to Matt and the entire Family. A truly Wonderful Woman for Christ. Thankful to Christ Jesus for her kindness and prayers over the yrs. RIP Sister Dee.

Charles B. Collins - August 28, 2025 at 08:35 AM

DR

“ I was both shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Delores. Although, we knew each other from a distance as a neighbor, she will be celebrated as a deeply spiritual woman of Godly principles, kindness, faith and strength.

I will miss her wave and beautiful smile as we passed by each other. Just knowing of her presence next door to me brought much joy and peace to my heart.

May the family find solace in the fond and treasured memories of her well lived life among you.

Life with Christ is eternal not temporal.

Dorothy Robinson

Dorothy Robinson - August 27, 2025 at 11:40 PM

PE

*My beautiful, amazing cousin is at rest. I miss her. My only regret is we were not able to physically hug each other. She ministered on our Family Prayerline on Saturdays and we all looked forward to seeing and hearing her messages
Cuz, I will miss your text messages with your emojis.*

Patsy Milliner Stevens Earle - August 28, 2025 at 07:05 PM



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Imari Love - August 27, 2025 at 09:33 PM

TD

“ Traci Dantzler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dolores M. Tansil.



Traci Dantzler - August 27, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TD

“ Traci Dantzler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores M. Tansil.

Traci Dantzler - August 27, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores M. Tansil.



August 27, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MM

“ My dearest Pastor Delores, when I heard where you were, I deeply hurting. I was hoping for miracle, you were a great blessing to me, you prayed me through so many things. You were a great Mentor, Encourager, and you push me to be all that God has created me to be. I miss you much, I know you're in a better place seated at the right had of our father, well done
Forever miss.

Maureen M Milliner - August 27, 2025 at 08:00 AM

MB

“Dolores was a wonderful & dedicated Christian. I met her through my sister(Rev. Aleta Curry), when I would attend the Tuesday Miracle service at Mt. Zion. Although we miss our loved ones we have that hope. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We will see her again one day....
Love, thoughts & prayers are with all of you.

Mary A. Brooks - August 26, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SA

“We met Mrs Tansil years ago.our sons were good friends. Her demeanor and kindness left a lasting impression on my husband and myself. Praying that her family will remain strong during this time of sorrow.
Sincerely
James & Sylvia Avery
Of Henderson Nevada

Sylvia Avery - August 26, 2025 at 06:50 PM

TD

“Dolores-“Dee”- was a treasured friend of mine. There are no adequate words to describe how truly amazing she was. She blessed me in so many ways. She was a perfect example of the virtuous woman God speaks about in the Bible. My life will forever be changed for the better for having known, and been loved, by her. May her memory live on in those who loved her, and may the Lord bless and comfort her family and loved ones during this difficult time.
Traci J. Dantzler

Traci J Dantzler - August 26, 2025 at 03:54 PM



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Imari Love - August 26, 2025 at 01:12 PM