



## Ret USAF Donald Wendell Dorsey

April 5, 1930 - February 24, 2025

Donald W. Dorsey passed away on February 24, 2025, at the age of 94. Born on April 5, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was one of six children to Beatrice L. Dorsey and Howard E. Dorsey.

Donald attended public schools in Philadelphia before completing his high school education in California while serving in the military, earning his certificate of completion after attending evening classes. In December 1949, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he dedicated over 20 years of service and received numerous honors and decorations.

During his time in the Air Force, Donald met the love of his life, Marilyn Sue Ross, in Topeka, Kansas. The two married in 1952 and were blessed with three children. Together, they embraced the military lifestyle, traveling extensively and cherishing the experiences along the way.

After retiring from the Air Force in January 1970 at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, Donald and his family settled in Denver, Colorado, where he began a second career with the United States Postal Service. He worked diligently for 20 years before retiring in 1990.

Donald had a passion for playing golf, often enjoying rounds with his postal friends. He also took great pride in crafting his own grape and elderberry wine,

reveling in compliments from friends and family about its taste.

A dedicated member of several organizations, Donald was a proud lifetime member of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) Chapter #3 in Aurora Colorado, an active member of the American Legion Post #087, and a participant in the Military Retiree Breakfast Bunch, where he enjoyed monthly gatherings until he was no longer able to attend. In 1993, he joined Shorter AME Church, where he remained a devoted member for many years.

Donald is survived by his three children, Tekoa, Michael, and Phillip, as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will carry on his legacy. He will be remembered for his service, dedication to his family, sense of humor, and the joy he found in life's simple pleasures. His memory will be cherished by those who knew and loved him.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (MT)

Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC  
6700 Smith Rd  
Denver, CO 80207  
(303) 963-5779

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences. May Cousin Donald rest in peace and rise in Glory.  
With prayers and loving thoughts,  
Charles and Chris Cephas  
(grandson of Sadonia [Dorsey] Woodland)*

Charles Cephas - March 09, 2025 at 05:01 PM

SD

“ *We are comforted by heartwarming memories filled with laughter, fun family gatherings and love. Will miss you “ Buddy Roll”, Al& Sandy Dorsey*



Sandy Dorsey - March 08, 2025 at 09:08 PM

MN

“ *My memory is of when we were kids. We would put on shows for my mom and dad and Donald would always sing the same song; Deep Purple. All of us would display our talent. Those were fun days back then. I will miss you Donald. I love you.  
Mabel*

Mabel Nock - March 08, 2025 at 06:00 PM

PP

“ *My memory of Uncle Donald are his conversations with my mom; his sister Mabel. He would always call her “babe” which I found so sweet. I will miss you uncle, may you rest in peace.  
Love,  
Pat*

Pat Peebles - March 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM

MD

“ *Mindy, Kylah And Levana Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ret USAF Donald Wendell Dorsey*



Mindy, Kylah and Levana Dorsey - March 08, 2025 at 05:11 PM

AL

“ *Adjoa Love-Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ret USAF Donald Wendell Dorsey*



Adjoa Love-Dorsey - March 08, 2025 at 04:33 PM

AL

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Adjoa Love-Dorsey - March 08, 2025 at 04:32 PM

AL

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Adjoa Love-Dorsey - March 08, 2025 at 04:28 PM

AD

“ 1 file added to the album *The Elders*



ALFRED THOMAS DORSEY - March 08, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ret USAF Donald Wendell Dorsey.

March 07, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *Heart Throw was purchased for the family of Ret USAF Donald Wendell Dorsey.*



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“ *Uncle Donald. Thank you for guidance/ wisdom and family love, and history!.Gone but never FORGOTTEN! 🙏*



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**Gary Dorsey** - February 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM