



## Delores C. Bishop

October 11, 1929 - August 6, 2023

Delores C. Bishop nicknamed, Dede was born October, 11th, 1929 and passed on Sunday, August 6th 2023 She was 93 years. Dede (Delores C. Copenig) was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, surrounded by a loving family of her great Aunt, Laura Saunders, nicknamed, Mama; Her Mother, Carrie E. Copenig, nicknamed, Sister, an older brother, James Copenig and a younger brother, Norris Copenig. As time progressed she, became a surrogate mother to several nephews and a niece. Her mother and Great Aunt were also present. Dede married William M. Dunbar who committed to a life long career in the army. Dede and William attempted many times to conceive a child. After several miscarriages the couple were able to conceive a boy who was born William A. Dunbar in 1954. After the death of Mama, Dede's Great Aunt, she and her immediate family moved to Salinas, California in 1956 where her husband was stationed by the Army. Since Dede has been always a caregiver, she began a profession as a nurse. She has always cared for others whether it be family, friends or her profession. Caring for others is her character, she loved people! She also loved the Lord and serving in the church as a Life long Seventh-day Adventist. After the passing of her husband, Dede re-married to Mr. Esau Bishop. Unfortunately Mr. Bishop passed away after two years of their marriage from cancer. In 1986 Dede moved to Michigan to be with her son, William A. Dunbar and his family. She immediately joined the Holly Seventh-day Adventist Church where she has loved and been loved by her church family until passing. Dede is survived by her son, William Dunbar and his wife, Olha Dunbar; grandson, Ian Dunbar and his wife, Jasmine Dunbar; great-grandsons, Eli Dunbar and Abel Dunbar; grandson, Aaron Dunbar; granddaughter, Olivia Dunbar and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her passing are brothers, James Copenig and Norris Copenig; mother, Carrie E. Copenig and father, James Copenig; husband, Esau Bishop. We have been blessed by her soul, her character and her love. We look forward to being with her and our Lord again. Visitation will be from 11-12 AM Sun. Aug. 13, 2023 with Funeral Services following at 12 Noon with Pastor Daniel Ferraz officiating at the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly at 2 PM Mon. Aug. 14, 2023.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holly Seventh-day Adventist Church  
16180 Fish Lake Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-8345  
(248) 634-8371

## Funeral Service

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
Holly, MI

## Burial

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Cemetery  
Holly, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Iona Murrell lit a candle in memory of Delores Bishop*



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**Iona Murrell** - February 06, 2024 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Phillip Copening, son and nephew.*

*Here is a little history of me and my Mom- 'Dede'. (Momma D)*

*I was two months old and my birth mother sent me I in a taxi to be baby sat while she disappeared from site, forever. Aunt Dede, my grandma - known as 'Sister', and my Great Aunt 'Moma'- daughter of a former slave: I had 3 new Moms that took me in as a son.*

*My birth father would never allow them to adopt me, so at 15&1/2 I became an 'emancipated minor', getting my first CA driver's license so I had a legal ID.*

*DeeDee was a nurse's aide. We needed more income so we together started studying for her LVN. We learned the PDR together as she came home from her 3-11 shift. She passed first time. A few years later we studied for her RN. Yes, first test she passed and became a CA registered nurse. She gave me a reason to learn. I graduated N. Salinas High School earning a fully paid 4 year academic scholarship. Then off to college. We were family and a team.*

*So I had grown up without a legal guardian. We were pals. We all were.*

*It goes so much deeper than I can say in a few paragraphs.*

*True pals.*

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**Phillip Copening** - August 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delores C. Bishop.*



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August 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Delores C. Bishop.*

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August 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ *Judieczubik lit a candle in memory of Delores Bishop* ”



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**Judieczubik** - August 08, 2023 at 06:31 PM