



Octavia Dinsmore

August 21, 1928 - January 14, 2021

Keokee, Virginia

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John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Octavia Dinsmore, 92, went home to be with Jesus, Thursday, January 14, 2021.

She was a member of the Rawhide Missionary Baptist Church.

Octavia graduated from LMU in 1949 and taught English, History, Biology, and French in Keokee school's for many years. She then received her Masters Degree from Union College, and continued her teaching career as School Librarian at Keokee school; until her retirement. Watching young people excel enriched her life. She may never have been a mother, but she had many students that she called her kids.

After retirement she stayed active reading, walking, and church activities, but the hobby that gave her the greatest enjoyment was quilting. She enjoyed making quilts with her friends; Hazel, Maude, and Flora.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Peter and Dora Edens Dinsmore.,her brothers, Paul Dinsmore and wife Alice, Eugene Dinsmore and wife Bev, Coobe Dinsmore and wife Doris, her sisters, Carlenous Hurst,

Blanche Dinsmore, Pearl Bush and husband David. Niece, Wanda Lee Dinsmore Spears, Nephews; Harold Dinsmore and Kenny Dinsmore.

Octavia is survived by nieces- Ruth Ann and Jesse Turpin, Linda and Lloyd Lewis, Auggie and Ronnie Wallen, Dora Lynn and Trigg Garrison, Melvia Gay Dinsmore, Devonna Dinsmore, Ginger and Thomas Gilbert, Juelda Bush McManus, Nephews- Hayes and Jean Dinsmore, Bill and Karen Hurst, Dane and Linda Dinsmore, Michael and Carol Bush, and Neil Bush. She also leaves behind several great -nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, her Rawhide Church Family, her neighbors, Bob, Gaynell and Jeff Maggard, and special friend Debbie Banks.

Our loss is heavens' gain. We will miss you Tavie, but we take comfort in knowing that you are with Jesus. Thank you for leaving such a great example of a true Christian lady.

The graveside service will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 in the Edens family cemetery Keokee, VA., at 1 p.m.; the service will be officiated by Pastor Paul Davis Jr., those wishing to attend are asked to meet at the funeral home at 12:30 for the procession.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

For Those wishing to attend remotely Sunday 4p.m. (Livestream) please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holdingfuneralhomebsg/>

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/F272W9FDX7NX64XT>

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

In Lieu of flowers, the family request donations be given to the Eden Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 83, Keokee, VA. 24265 in Memory of Octavia.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Dinsmore family.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Octavia Dinsmore*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - January 15, 2021 at 04:08 PM

CM

Miss D was the best

carla pennington mcknight - January 15, 2021 at 06:06 PM

VF

I was blessed to have Miss D. as a teacher and later worked with her at Keokee. She's one of the sweetest and best ladies I've ever known. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Miss D. your work on earth is done and what a wonderful job you did. Heaven has gained one fine angel. I have so many sweet and funny memories of you that I will always cherish. Love you Miss D.

Vicki Fortner - January 16, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DS

one of the finest patron love her very much Della Smith

Della Smith - January 17, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BS

Best teacher and person I have ever known. Bobbie Sue Scarborough.

Bobbie Sue Scarborough - January 31, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Octavia Dinsmore*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *I sure do miss this sweet lady. Best Aunt ever! Love you Tavie.*

Dora Lynn

Dora Dinsmore Garrison - September 27, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *I met MS Octavia in 1975, when I was the pastor at Rawhide and a student at Clear Creek Baptist college*

Tony & Marie porter - March 22, 2021 at 09:58 PM



She loved both you and Marie.

Dora Dinsmore Garrison - September 27, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Ms Octavia was a sweet, thoughtful, and caring lady. She was dedicated to her students, church and God. She will be missed by everyone who new her!*

Tony & Marie porter - March 22, 2021 at 09:55 PM



Thank you Tony and Marie she thought so much of you. She spoke of you often. I wanted to message you of her passing but did not have a address or email.

Dora Lynn Garrison

Dora L Garrison - August 30, 2021 at 01:57 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Johnson Moore lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore*



teresa johnson moore - February 08, 2021 at 09:51 PM

TM

Heaven is even more sweeter with Miss Dinsmore there, and so many Keokee friends my family is there and i hope to see them soon. She was a special lady, and will never be forgotten.

teresa johnson moore - February 08, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Dinsmore family and friends. Love and prayers. Donnie and Abbie Blair*



Donnie and Abbie Blair - January 19, 2021 at 09:20 AM

LA

“ *Good bless you Miss D. May you Rest In Peace. Thoughts and prayers for your family. God bless you all.*

Liz Smith Anderson - January 18, 2021 at 12:53 AM

SS

“ *Ms. Dinsmore was the sweetest lady .If the world had just a few more like her it would be a better place. Prayers to all her family may god be with you.*

Shirley Parsons Shackelford

Shirley Shackelford - January 17, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *Dora Lynn, sorry to hear of your aunt's passing. Love and prayers.*



Janet Wilson - January 17, 2021 at 04:55 PM

PD

“ *peggy Dorton,loss a wonderful person RIP*

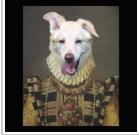
peggy dorton - January 17, 2021 at 03:51 PM

LG

“ *Lois Faye Garrison lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore*



Lois Faye Garrison - January 17, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ *Loved Miss Dinsmore and sending love and prayers to her amazing family.*

Martha Necessary - January 17, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *She was my teacher from 1948 to 1951. she was a wonderful teacher and I will always remember her and Keokee*

Jeanette Wolfe - January 17, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Octavia was my Mommaw Hazel Huff's best friend. I know they are reunited again in Heaven with Maude..I had met Octavia several times when I would be with my Mommaw Hazel. She was a wonderful woman!*

Debbie Owens - January 16, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Your distant Dinsmore cousins in TN send our condolences. We didn't know each other, but determined we are related. Octavia's grandfather, Uriah Dinsmore, was an older brother of William R Dinsmore, my great, great grandfather who lived/died in Scott VA. Their father was Fielden Dinsmore who lived in Hawkins TN and died in the 1860's. With our deepest sympathy, Daniel and Donald Dinsmore, Kingsport TN*

Dan Dinsmore - January 16, 2021 at 08:33 PM



Find me on Facebook, Melvia Gay Dinsmore. I'd like to talk to you about our family history. I'm Aunt Tavie's niece. My dad was Calvin "Coobe" Dinsmore. Thank you for responding.

Melvia Gay Dinsmore - January 17, 2021 at 02:09 PM

DD

Hi Melvia - I recently sent a friend request to you on FB. Hope to hear from you. Dan Dinsmore

Dan Dinsmore - July 07, 2021 at 07:56 AM

LP

“ *Loujean Snodgrass Pendergraft lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore*



Loujean Snodgrass Pendergraft - January 16, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family of Miss Dinsmore. My earliest memory of her was when I was a little girl living in Keokee camp. Sometimes she would pick Auggie and me up in her car as we walked to school. I remember how gracefully she drove and shifted gears on the steering volume. Always a lady and role model. Kind and gentle. She influenced my life greatly. May God Bless and comfort the family and all of us who knew her. I am thankful for her teaching of life through example and Keokee School. The angels are rejoicing and she is receiving her heavenly rewards.*

Sandy Bailey Buhi

Sandy Bailey Buhi - January 16, 2021 at 08:46 AM

JJ

“ *Jayne Ann Warren Justis lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore*



Jayne Ann Warren Justis - January 16, 2021 at 02:13 AM

JJ

Octavia and my mother Ruby Roberts Warren were 1st cousins. My grandmother Ollie Edens Roberts was a sister to Aunt Dorie. I went to Keokee in 6grade when I lived with my Aunt Eunice and Uncle Keith Snodgrass after my Mother died. Never had her as a teacher, always a sweet lady.

Jayne Ann Warren Justis - January 16, 2021 at 02:22 AM

JL

*“ Auggie & Ronnie.....we are so very sorry..our thoughts & prayers always dear friends.
Jerry & Darlene Light*

Jerry & Darlene Light - January 15, 2021 at 10:21 PM

RR

“ Miss D, was a special lady. Big Hugs and prayers to all that knew and loved her.



Rhonda Campbell Robbins - January 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

OC

“ Miss Dinsmore was one of my favorite teachers. I had the pleasure of working with her at the school. Such fond memories.



ora Christian - January 15, 2021 at 05:50 PM

CW

“ Carol Ward lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore



Carol Ward - January 15, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JT

“ Joy Shuler Tant lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore



Joy Shuler Tant - January 15, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JT

Ms. Dinsmore was a lovely lady and loved by all her students.

Joy Shuler Tant - January 15, 2021 at 05:41 PM

RB

“ Roberta Beaty lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore



Roberta Beaty - January 15, 2021 at 02:35 PM

BW

“ She touched so many lives. She will be missed but always remembered. The quilting circle is now reunited

barbara barker wood - January 15, 2021 at 01:48 PM

SM

“ Miss Dinsmore was my favorite teacher she was kind, caring and loved her students. She never raised her voice but everyone respected her. She will be missed and thought of for eternity because of the impact she made on so many of us. We love you and you are forever itched in our minds and hearts. As for The Holdway Family you were and are special. As for me Sharon Holdway Musick, you are always going to be apart of our family discussions because of your kindness.



Sharon Holdway Musick - January 15, 2021 at 12:24 PM

RS

Miss Dinsmore was a wonderful person, great teacher, so soft spoken, kind and great person, we all loved you and will never forget you. Reta Cooney Smith

Reta Fern Cooney Smith - January 15, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BS

“ Brenda Ward Salyer lit a candle in memory of Octavia Dinsmore



Brenda Ward Salyer - January 15, 2021 at 11:10 AM

BS

My condolences to the family. Miss Dinsmore was one of my teachers at Keokee and a very good one. I know she will be missed by so many people. Everyone loved this beautiful, sweet lady. Rest In Peace.

Brenda Ward Salyer - January 15, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Octavia Dinsmore.



January 15, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ She has left so, so many good memories! Wonderful smile. 🦋

Linda Bobrosky - January 15, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ A very special lady that touched many lives as a teacher. Prayers for the family.
Diana Morefield

DIANA MOREFIELD - January 15, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ Miss Dinsmore, my special friend, you will be miss. ❤️
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6



Buster Clark - January 15, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ Such a lady! She was my teacher, co-worker, but most of all friend. She will be missed. God's blessings and care on all her family.

Carmon "Trammell" Gilly - January 15, 2021 at 08:28 AM

RB

Octavia was my teacher 1951-53 and I adored her for her kindness and her beautiful soul. She helped me in so many ways and I always enjoyed seeing her and talking with her in our later years. Love and RIP

Roberta Beaty - January 15, 2021 at 02:33 PM

GR

Miss D was one the best person to be here on this earth. Always missed,loved and remembered. Fly high Miss D.

Given Rice - January 15, 2021 at 06:20 PM