



## Phyllis "Dee Dee" Jean Palmer

December 3, 1949 - August 12, 2025

Phyllis Jean "Dee Dee" Palmer, age 75 of Cottontown passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Skyline Medical Center. She was born December 3, 1949 In Welch, West Virginia to Lloyd Fuggint and Ollie Mae Porterfield Carnell. She worked as a homemaker and was a member of The Church at Walnut Grove. She enjoyed crocheting, making ceramics collecting Precious Moments figurines and making people laugh. She is preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, Jimmy Carr Carnell and Cecil Lloyd Carnell. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Donald Earl Palmer, Cottontown, TN; son, Jesse (Halima) Palmer, Plano, TX; daughter, Dorothy (Mattias) Simonsson, Towson, MD; sister, Mary Jane (Dan) Mullins, Hermitage, TN; 5 grandchildren, Sumayyah, Sadia, Maryum, Oskar and Madeleine. Funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 2pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Sandy Shawhan officiating. Interment immediately following at Palmer's Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation is planned for Saturday, August 16, 2025 11am until the time of the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are requested to The Church at Walnut Grove 4101 Highway 76 Cottontown, TN 37048 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Palmer's Cemetery

Cottontown, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House  
533 TN-76  
White House, TN 37188  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - August 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JE

*My deepest condolences to Dorothy and your family, Your mom had a beautiful smile ,just like you. Please know your in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Jessie E*

**Jessie Elston** - August 15, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LO

*Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss and hope to be a part of your support network during this difficult time.*

*Dorian and Loretta Lorenzo*

**Loretta** - August 15, 2025 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ *Phyllis was the best of friends. We were stationed in NM and our husband's played lots of golf while I enjoyed many laughs with Phyllis. She got to come to Florida and visit while Don played golf. I had a business trip and stayed at her house with my co-worker and we cooked for her! Had a million laughs! Love this woman so much! The world lost an angel! We will miss you Phyllis Jean!* ”



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**Julie Bailey** - August 14, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes* ”



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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - August 14, 2025 at 06:23 PM

BB

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Dee Dee in person. We had a few short, pleasant interactions on FaceTime through Dorothy's phone. But if the friend and mother that Dorothy is serves as any reflection of the woman Ms. Dee Dee was, then I truly know that the world has lost a precious gift. Dorothy exudes a healing and nurturing presence that is felt not only by her patients, but her family and really anyone fortunate enough to know her as a friend. As proud as I am to know Dorothy, I can only imagine how much more proud Ms. Dee Dee was to be her mother. I take great assurance in knowing that Ms. Dee Dee's love and legacy do not end with her life. They live on through the generosity, compassion, and selflessness of Dorothy- undoubtedly one of Ms. Dee Dee's greatest contributions to our world. So, I may not have met her in person, but she's met me in more ways than she could imagine. My heart breaks for anyone who had the privilege of being loved by Ms. Dee Dee, especially her family and friends. I pray that God can meet you with all the comfort that my words will undoubtedly fail to offer. I pray that He will turn the bitter seeds of your sorrows into joy as you water the memories you shared with Ms. Dee Dee with your tears. May her memory be honored on in all the love given and received on her behalf. My most heartfelt condolences-



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**Benjamin Ballah** - August 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Dee Dee" Jean Palmer.



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August 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BS

“ *Bobbie Jo Shumake lit a candle in memory of  
Phyllis "Dee Dee" Jean Palmer*



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**Bobbie Jo Shumake** - August 14, 2025 at 08:46 AM

DD

*Ms Dee Dee, we just wanted to say thank you for the wife and mother that you were. Thank you for the sacrifices you made. We truly have benefited from them. You have raised a wonderful daughter, wife, mother and friend in Dorothy. Her kindness and love is appreciated by so many in our church. I have experienced first hand her love and kindness. Thank you for sharing your family with us. You may be gone but not forgotten.*

*With gratitude,  
Scott and Dionne Davis*

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**Dionne Fisher- Davis** - August 15, 2025 at 11:04 AM