



Dorothy Ainsworth Day

March 16, 1949 - March 24, 2026

Dorothy “Dot” Dell Ainsworth Day, 77, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, passed away on March 24, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Dot was born on March 16, 1949, in Covington County, Mississippi, the daughter of Alma Leon Ainsworth and Erma Leona Brewer Ainsworth.

She graduated from Magee High School in 1966 and continued her education at Co-Lin Junior College, earning an associate degree. She went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in education from Mississippi College in 1969. Later in life, Dot furthered her education by earning a Master of Science degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Mississippi College in 1995.

On December 23, 1968, Dot married the love of her life, Charles Martin Day, at Morrison Heights in Clinton, Mississippi. They made their home in Crystal Springs for their 57 years of marriage. Together, they raised two daughters—Sharon and Stephanie—whom Dot supported wholeheartedly. She never missed an opportunity to be present at their band performances, school activities, or sporting events. Her love was constant, expressed through listening, encouraging, and offering an open heart. When grandchildren arrived, her joy only multiplied. She poured pride and affection into each of them, celebrating their achievements whether near or far. With the birth of her first great-grandchild this past year, her love grew once more.

Dot gave selflessly to others—her students, her counseling clients, her community, and especially her church family. She had a unique gift for seeing the good in every person and seeking a positive path forward. Though she held strong opinions, her faith was even stronger.

For the last years of her life, Dot battled whole-body inclusion myositis. The illness was difficult and often limiting, but it never dimmed her keen mind or her spirited wit. During this time, she compiled, edited, and published several books with the help of friends and family, and she was actively working on a mystery novel at the time of her passing. Though her body slowed, her determination never wavered.

Dot loved spending time outdoors, tending to the flowers in her garden. In earlier years, she could always be found at the softball field—playing, coaching, or cheering on her loved ones. She was an avid reader and lover of music, always ready to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” and “serve the Lord with gladness.” Now, she has “entered His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise,” running freely on streets of gold, her suffering turned into dancing.

Dot was a dedicated member of Gallman Baptist Church, faithfully serving on many committees throughout the years. She will be remembered for her kindness, humility, and gracious spirit. It is impossible to think of Dot without thinking of her devoted husband, Charles, who stood faithfully by her side throughout her illness, ensuring her needs were met while continuing to serve their church family. Together, they embodied a Christ-centered love, always willing to help others.

Left to cherish Dot’s memory are her loving husband, Charles; daughters, Sharon Mobley (John) and Stephanie Harris (Bill); grandchildren, Madalyn

Lyles (Peyton), Courtney McMillian (Blake), Lauren Harris, and Will Harris; and great-granddaughter, Mary Grace McMillian. She is also survived by her sisters, Lurlene Smith and Maxine Artman; her brother, Marshall Ainsworth (Cecilia); and many nieces and nephews.

Dot is preceded in death by her parents, Alma Leon and Erma Leona Ainsworth; her brothers, William Ainsworth, Joe Ainsworth, and Michael Ainsworth; and her sister, Georgene Davis.

Visitation will be held on March 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Gallman Baptist Church in Gallman, Mississippi, followed by a celebration of Dot's life at 12:00 p.m. Festive spring attire is encouraged as we honor her home-going and the joyous freedom she now knows. Interment will follow at Gallman Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Gallman Cemetery

West Gallman Road
Gallman, MS 39077

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gallman Baptist Church
3040 West Gallman Road
Gallman, MS

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

Gallman Baptist Church
3040 West Gallman Road
Gallman, MS

Tribute Wall

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“ I was one of Ms Day’s student. What I remember most was her love for all of her students and Ms Day treated us better than we deserved.

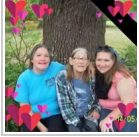


Mike Little - March 31 at 05:28 AM

KD

“ Mrs. Day was my son, Josh’s senior English teacher. She ignited a love for Old English literature in him that he still reads. A few years ago she called him early one morning and asked him to write a description of a rug she bought at a church sale on Market Place. She saw an ad he’d posted to sell a boat. It was pretty satirical and she loved it. First thing she said was “why didn’t you write like this in my class?” Needless to say he wrote it. He’s a critical care paramedic she was writing ORDINARY MIRACLES and called and told him she wanted him to write two chapters of experiences he had where people he treated that should not have lived survived. He did as instructed because once your teacher, always your teacher. He’s moved on from Old English and has been working on writing his own book. She was a great lady, teacher, mentor and friend that will forever live in our hearts.

Kathy Dawson - March 28 at 11:46 AM



“ Aunt Dot as we called her was truly amazing she shared her knowledge with many people we got close after I found out that I have Lupus she would call and check on me. After I told her about my miscarriage she called me and we talked and she prayed with me. My prayers are with my cousins and the rest of the family Aunt Dot will be very missed



Jamie Stog - March 28 at 10:59 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ainsworth Day.



March 27 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Ainsworth Day.

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“ The BRIGHT Accenture Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dorothy Ainsworth Day.



The BRIGHT Accenture Team - March 27 at 01:43 PM

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“ Dot and I were sophomore roommates at Co-Lin, sharing the huge faculty dining room as our own gigantic suite when the building was turned into a sophomore girls dorm. Wow! That was almost 60 years ago! What an honor to have Dot as a friend for six decades! Dot was an effervescent very public personality. As a college cafeteria worker, she knew every student, chatting briefly with all. She had a supportive word, clever comment, or a downright sassy barbed quip perfectly designed for each student in the cafeteria line. If Dot was serving -- it wasn't just about food -- it was about FUN! In later years, our little group of roommates -- Rachel, Ruth, Linda G., and Martha -- all worked hard to surmount life's uphill challenges, but perhaps none more so than Dot due to her declining health. I believe Dot has regained her strength now. Not only can she walk again, she can soar! Dot prepared her entire life for her next life, and now victory over death is hers.

Sharolyn 'Nikki' Neely Egan - March 26 at 02:42 PM

GM

What a beautiful tribute and testimony to your beautiful friend. Aunt Dot was blessed with many beautiful people around her. God bless and keep you.

Gwendolyn McMahan - March 27 at 09:57 PM

GM

Aunt Dot touched so many with her beautiful and uplifting spirit. She always encouraged you. She was always so gentle and soft spoken. She inspired so many to bring out your creative side. She always had a listening and encouraging spirit. She did see and cultivated the best in a person. I am so sorry I missed her last call to me in past few months. She was wanting to offer her support about our son James medical diagnosis of cancer. That was what Aunt Dot was known for. Her caring and loving nature. Aunt Dot was a beautiful and Christian woman. We need more "light workers" light Aunt Dot. Will miss this gentle and beautiful spirit that was known as Aunt Dot to myself. We love and will miss her selfishly but so thankful she will be flying high with her beautiful and loving heavenly Family. Blessed to have had her here amongst us. 🙏🌹❤️

Gwendolyn McMahan - March 27 at 10:03 PM

GM

God give you all his peace and warmth. 🙏❤️

Gwendolyn McMahan - March 27 at 10:05 PM

JB

“ *So very sorry to hear of Dot's passing. She was more than just a teacher; she was a friend when I was in high school. I remember when Sharon was born, she was so excited to be a mother and again when Stephanie was born. Dot was beautiful inside and out and always gave more love and compassion than asked for. She will be missed.*

Joyce (Cotten) Borger, Granger IN

Joyce (Cotten) Borger - March 26 at 08:08 AM

GB

“ *My deepest sympathy on your loss of Dorothy. I never got the chance to meet her unless it was long ago in high school but we chatted on Facebook and I contributed to two of her books. I regret i wasn't able to be at her book signings.*

Gail Shows Bouldin - March 26 at 01:25 AM

GH

“ *Sorry for your loss Charles. I remember her as a great lady. I know she will be greatly missed.* ”

Gary Hydrick - March 25 at 09:54 PM