



Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN)

September 17, 1952 - September 7, 2025

Doris Jean Dunlap was born on September 17, 1952, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Mary Viola Bivens and Wilburn Foster Dunlap, Sr. Doris passed away Sunday, September 7, 2025.

She attended Parkland Junior High School and Louisville Male High School (Class of 1970) where she served as Managing Editor of the Brook & Breck student newspaper. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Louisville in 1974.

Doris dedicated much of her professional life to serving others, eventually retiring from the Kentucky State Employment Office—fondly known as “Sixth & Cedar.” In her later years, she found joy and purpose as a Foster Grandparent at Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings: Joseph Dunlap, Margaret Dunlap, Wilburn “Butch” Dunlap Jr., and Thomas Dunlap.

Doris leaves to cherish her memory a devoted daughter, Jeana; her Aunt Anna Louise Bivens Williams; Uncle James W. Bivens; lifelong “sister-friends,” Pamela Osborne and Cynthia Rudolph; along with a host of biological and bonus nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Services will be held Wednesday, September 17th at Canaan Christian Church in the Chapel, 2840 Hikes Ln., visitation 10am-12pm and funeral at noon. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Dare to Care Food Bank.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Canaan Christian Church
2840 Hikes Lane
Louisville, KY 40218

Service

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN).



September 17, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN).

September 17, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ Soror Erika Green Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN).



Soror Erika Green Taylor - September 17, 2025 at 06:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN).



September 16, 2025 at 11:11 AM

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“ From Cousin Jackie Wilson and Daughters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN).



From Cousin Jackie Wilson and Daughters - September 13, 2025 at 06:46 PM

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“ From Cousin Jackie Wilson and Daughters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Jean Dunlap (DOWNTOWN).

From Cousin Jackie Wilson and Daughters - September 13, 2025 at 06:46 PM

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“ Jeana
I can hardly think of you without thinking of your mother and grandmother. For me, you all were a trio. I remember your mom laughing and I remember being able to see the love she had for you. I also remember the time she thought she saw me on TARC but didnt speak because she knew it wasnt me. The world feels lonely when your mother fades away. I am sorry for your loss and I pray that you find peace. Be easy on yourself and take comfort in knowing you are a wonderful daughter with strong enough shoulders to have carried your mother through her illness. Your village is here. Tell us how to help ease your load.

Sadiqa Reynolds - September 13, 2025 at 06:12 PM