



## Mrs. Sybil Marie Dodson

January 26, 1935 - October 8, 2010

Sybil Marie Dodson, 75, of Waynesville, NC died Friday, October 8 at the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, NC.

Born in Columbia, MS, she was the daughter of Doris Smith and John Barnes Rawls.

Sybil graduated with an A.B. in Religion from Scarritt College and a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington. Sybil met her husband, John, while they were both serving as US2s (young adult missionaries serving in the U.S.) with The United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN.

Sybil's passion for serving others was exemplified by her employment in a number of community service organizations, including the Centenary Methodist Community Center, Nashville; the Neighborhood House, Calexico, CA; the Bethlehem Center, Ft. Worth, TX; and the Senior Citizens' Drop-In Center, Ft. Worth, TX.

Sybil Dodson was commissioned a United Methodist Deaconess on January 23, 1977. In that capacity she served as director of the Open Door Community House, Columbus, GA; as a residence director and as director of the service learning program at Brevard College, Brevard, NC; and as a volunteer social

worker at Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville, NC. She also served as a member of the Muskogee County, Ga. School Board.

Sybil and husband, John, started the family business, Mud Dabbers Pottery & Crafts, Inc., in Brevard in 1988. The business, which expanded to Waynesville in 1997, is now operated by their sons. Sybil also ran the store at Rockbrook Camp for Girls in Brevard for many years. During her retirement years, she focused on her family, providing loving care for her grandchildren.

She was a member of Elizabeth Chapel UMC in Waynesville.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, John O. Dodson of Waynesville; two daughters, Beth Williams and husband, Stephen, of Rome, GA, and Becky Louter, and husband, Michael of Gray, TN; two sons, John E. Dodson, and wife, Carol, of Brevard, and Brad Dodson, and wife, Judy, of Waynesville; one brother, Winford Rawls, and wife, Judy, of Tylertown, MS, and one sister, Betty Bourne, and husband, Robert, of Columbia, MS; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 15 in Memorial Chapel of the Brooks-Howell Home with Rev. Art Swarthout officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Brooks-Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Brooks Howell Home  
266 Merrimon Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.brooks-howell.org>

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I have tried to find Sybil Dodson for years and now I finally learn that she has gone home to Glory years ago. When I worked on my MSW in 1980, she approved my internship at the Open Door Community House. I got to know and love her as a generous Christian, leader and a bright light in the community. I remember John & her sweet young kids. At Open Door, she would make time whenever we ran to her with what felt like a crisis. No matter what, her last words were usually; "It will all work out." Those words were gold nuggets that I often used with staff & teams over my entire career as I moved about the world. I regret that I didn't get a visit with her to express my deep gratitude for the priceless guidance and value that she poured into me. I will hold a place in my heart for her always. . Submitted with beautiful memories & inspiration,  
Linda Jones (nee McCoy)

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**Linda Stephens-Jones** - April 15 at 02:37 PM



“ Mrs. Sybil Marie Dodson

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

CP

“ When I first moved to Brevard I had the fortune of living above Mud Dabbers Pottery in the old distillery building. I often went downstairs and visited with Sybil who always took the time out of her day to talk with me. We shared lots of great stories, and boy could she make me laugh. We always felt so fortunate to have Sybil and John as part of the Rockbrook Family, and I feel more fortunate to have gotten to call her my friend. What an amazing woman!

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**Charlotte Page** - October 14, 2010 at 01:17 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Mullins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sybil Marie Dodson*



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**Peggy Mullins** - October 14, 2010 at 11:53 AM

PM

*I have known Sybil since our first grade in school. She was my best friend from Grades 1 thru 12 and we went to M.S.C.W. in Mississippi for a year. Then we went our separate ways, but she has remained in my heart all these years. No one could ask for a friend who was more kind, smart, fun and loving. I have so many treasured memories of her and I'm so grateful for all the time she shared with me. I have a Christmas Santa that she made and I will cherish it always.*

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**Peggy Mullins** - October 14, 2010 at 11:57 AM

SC

“ *Sybil was always such a warm and welcoming presence both at Rockbrook Camp and Mud Dabbers. I will always remember how happy and content visitors to the pottery shop felt in her presence as she sat, with the camp cat purring next to her, showing interested people how to make little clay creatures. We're so thankful for all she shared with us.*

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**Sarah Carter** - October 13, 2010 at 08:40 PM



“ I'll never forget the missionary trip to Mexico with Sybil and all the folks at Open Door, of serving on the Open Door Board with Sybil and friends. She was a shining example to everyone with whom she came into contact. Sybil truly was the most righteous and loving person I have ever known along with Mrs, Dilly. In the Jewish world of my grandmother, there was several sayings which I believe apply in this instance: *zichrona li'vracha aleha ha'shalom* - may her memory be blessed and may peace be upon her. John (both of you), Brad, Becky, and Beth, our prayers are with during this transition of life. May God grant each of you His perfect peace and GRACE.

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**Welton Underwood** - October 13, 2010 at 06:54 PM

MS

“ Dear Becky and family,  
Please except my condolences. Sybil was truly a wonderful woman.  
May God give you strength and peace.

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**Michelle Shipman** - October 13, 2010 at 06:02 PM

DD

“ Sybil,  
To my Aunt Marcella Mathys dearest friend. May you rest in peace,  
knowing you have fulfilled your mission here on earth.  
Dick Daniel  
Selma, IN

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**Dick Daniel** - October 13, 2010 at 01:45 PM

KB

*I'm not sure if this is the Ms. Sybil I remember, but I spent many hours of my younger years from Kindergarten to around 12-13 years old at the Centenary Methodist Community Center in Nashville, TN, where a wonderful lady we called Miss Sybil worked. She was a wonderful and positive influence in my life from Kindergarten teacher, to summer camp counselor, and eventually as music teacher. She sponsored a choir I sang with at the Center and we went to various churches in Nashville singing for their congregations. I have often wondered what happened to Miss Sybil, have been going down memory lane today, looking at Nashville Archives pictures of past days, which led me to Google on The Community Center name to see if I could find a picture, which led me here. I see it has been 3 years since Miss Sybil's passing, but I felt compelled to comment here for her family to add to other comments letting them know what a wonderful positive force she was in the lives of others.*

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**Kathy Barberq** - August 15, 2013 at 04:51 PM