



## Alfreda H. Tinker

December 27, 1931 - November 23, 2022

Alfreda Harrie Tinker succumbed to cancer at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh on November 23, 2022,

with her children and beloved husband at her side. She was 90 years old.

Alfreda, was born in Blythedale, PA, December 27, 1931, #6 of 10 surviving children. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Henry 'Harry' and Ardenia Sheffey, her brothers and sisters, Geraldine Sheffey, Ethel Morris, Ann Pritchett, Elaine Williams, Bernice Ferguson, Marion Robinson, and Franklin Sheffey. She is survived by her husband, Harold; (brother and sister); Arnetta Wright and Donald Sheffey.

She attended Bellefield Girl's Vocational High School, and later obtained her GED. Alfreda, for the most part, was a 'stay-at-home' mother though she worked at several positions, including a school bus driver during her life, but her love was teaching others about God's Kingdom. She was best known as a consummate Bible teacher. She loved the door-to-door ministry and teaching Bible lessons to family and friends and to scores of people in Oakland, Southside, Squirrel Hill, The Hill District, Lawrenceville, Hazelwood and other neighborhoods. She was instrumental in assisting dozens to dedicate their life to serve their God, Jehovah. A pouchful of 'letters of recommendation.'(2 Cor. 3:1, 2)

Alfreda was a loving and dedicated wife of 62 years to her beloved husband, Harold, who called her 'Freda.' You seldom saw one without the other, usually in the kitchen fixing a delicious late meal together as was their custom. When Harold first met Freda, he said, "Hey, she's good-looking." She was known as a 'no-nonsense' adherent to godly principles, not hesitant to offer admonishment when needed to her children and grands whom she loved and cared for dearly. She was like the doe, who would not hesitate to give the yearling a swift kick when danger was lurking, because it meant their life and in time was supremely treasured as a kiss of love. She guarded them with her life. To family, she was known as Alfreda, Aunt Alfreda, Mom and Grand mama, and to others, Sister Tinker. We will always remember scurrying home from school to meet a 4 o'clock deadline, knowing she had a watchful eye, and she was always watching because she cared. As adults, she would remind us, as we were leaving the house, to call when we got home because she would worry that we made it home safely. We miss her dearly.

She will be missed by her husband, brother, sister and children; Leonard Took (Debbie), Gail Took, Leslie Dickey, and Phillip Tinker (Jennifer) and 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren (one deceased), nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and nephews, and many, many friends who all eagerly wait to see her again.

Services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 322 Azure St., Pittsburgh, PA 15224 (412-661-3520) on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm, EST (zoom link: Tinkers Memorial Service/Mtg-ID:865 5569 2080 / passcode:753852741). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to [jw.org](http://jw.org). Scroll down to: Worldwide Work. Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville. [www.dalessandrold.com](http://www.dalessandrold.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
322 Azure Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alfreda H. Tinker*

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