



Dorothy (Dotty) Heritage

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Dotty was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Russell and Mabel Kanouse.

She grew up in Dayton and graduated from Oakwood High School. For one year after graduation, she worked as a secretary to 3 generals at Wright Patterson Air Force Base before attending Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. While at BGSU she was a member and subsequent president of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and BGSU is where she met her husband, Jack.

Jack and Dotty married in 1949 and moved to Sarasota after living in Chicago for 2 years while Jack attended graduate school. Since Sarasota was a sleepy village when they arrived in 1951, there were many opportunities for both of them to be involved in the founding of several organizations.

Dotty was a charter member of the Jr. Welfare League (presently the Junior League of Sarasota), Sarasota Panhellenic Alumnae Association, and she and Jack were charter members of the Church of the Palms on Bee Ridge Road. After her 4 children were in school she went to work as a business teacher (primarily accounting) at Sarasota High School where she taught for 18 years. After her retirement she and Jack traveled extensively and split their time between their homes in Sarasota and Maggie Valley, NC.

Dotty always enjoyed telling of having met Orville Wright who lived in her Oakwood neighborhood in Dayton. She was a member of the Campfire Girls and the girls were collecting used grease for the war effort and went to his home where he invited them in for a brief visit. In later years she was active in her sorority alumnae group as well as in the tutoring program at Church of the Palms. For many years she played in a regular bridge game on Monday afternoons which continued at her assisted living after she gave up her original Sarasota family home in which she had lived for 65 years.

She is predeceased by her husband, Jack (2009) and is survived by her 4 children, Ellen Heritage (Mark Avery) of Sarasota, Billye Stampelos (Charlie) of Tallahassee, Ben Heritage (Carol Sue) of Bradenton, and Dena Mims (Dan) of Lake Toxaway, NC. She has 4 grandsons and 2 great-grandchildren.

There will be no formal service and her cremation is being handled by Toale Brothers Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the tutoring program at CHURCH OF THE PALMS and sent to Linda Evans, Director of Tutoring, Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, FL 34239. Please note "Back to Basics Tutoring" in the memo line.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Dena and family. My deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mom. I have very fond memories of your Mom as my teacher almost 50 years later at Sarasota High School. Not many teachers have such a lasting impact and fond memories but your Mom was definitely one of my best teachers. Kevin Pemrick Titusville Florida*

Kevin Pemrick - October 03, 2020 at 01:36 PM

SR

“ *Dear Ellen, Billye, Ben and Dena,
So sorry to hear of the recent passing of your mother. She was such a special, caring teacher to all of us! I loved her classes! I was recently in the old Sarasota High School building visiting the new Sarasota Museum of the Arts. You can't help but reminisce while walking around that building about what it was like when we went to high school there and what teacher had which classroom. The individual classrooms are all one big room now on each floor. But I was telling my husband and the group we were with where I had Mrs. Heritage's typing and shorthand classes. Lots of good memories! Those old typewriters are a thing of the past and collectibles now! And not many people today remember using erasers with brushes to correct your mistakes! The group was the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority Alumnae. How ironic...didn't know about your Mom's sorority background. Because of my typing skills, I used to type papers for fraternity guys for income while going to the University of Florida. Your Mom touched a lot of our lives and will always be in our memories.*

Sherri Tierney Reynolds

Sherri Tierney Reynolds - April 01, 2020 at 01:27 PM

SB

“ I had the pleasure and honor of being part of Dottey's life each day at Harborchase.
My wife and son made an instant connection with her each visit. Dottey touched all of our lives at Harborchase and brought a joy and sparkle to our dining room.
My staff and I will miss her presences in our lives.

Chef Stephen Burns Harborchase Sarasota

stephen burns - March 30, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JB

“ I am sad to say I only knew Dorothy for a short while when we served her home communion, but even so, we shared so much about the church history and her past. She was so proud to celebrate the Church of the Palms 60th anniversary. I got to bring her the cover of the bulletin with a picture of her husband donning a shovel at the ceremony to begin building Church of the Palms. Dorothy was such a humble, loving caring person. She was always gracious and treated us like family. We loved her and wish all of her family healing and comfort.

Julie Boeger - March 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

BD

“ Dottey was a combination of friend and mother figure to me for 48 years. I was actually her "boss" at one point but I always looked to her for advice. She had a way of cutting to the heart of a problem. She led a good life and had a great family. We all loved her.
Betsey Dale

Betsey Dale - March 27, 2020 at 03:24 PM

LM

“ *Dotty was one of the first person's that I met when moving to Sarasota in 1969. This probably was due to the fact that we both are members of the college sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. Our sorority held regular meetings and some of these were at Dotty's home where she was the perfect hostess serving delicious desserts. She was a founding member of our local sorority. She will be greatly missed!*

Loyally, Louise Morgan

Louise Morgan - March 27, 2020 at 02:22 PM

CS

“ *Dorothy was a lovely lady and I enjoyed serving with her in the tutoring program at church. We enjoyed lunches and laughs together and even though I had not seen her in awhile I loved being a friend.*

God bless her family,

Claire Steinforth
Sunnyside Retirement

Claire Steinforth - March 26, 2020 at 02:20 PM

JD

“ Dear Ellen, Billye, Ben and Dena,

Your mom was such a dear friend to me for 47 years. I will miss our talks and will always cherish the good times we had together. She was such a special lady with incredible wisdom. Thank you Ellen and Dena for reaching out to me by phone so I could say my goodbye to her.

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We all will miss her terribly.

With sympathy and love,

Jeanette and Gene

Jeanette Donohue - March 26, 2020 at 11:25 AM