



Dorothea "Dot" Thurmond

February 25, 1921 - July 10, 2020

A funeral service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM in Lafayette for Dorothea Jane "Dot" Thurmond, 99, who passed away on July 10, 2020.

Reverend Max Zehner will conduct the funeral service.

Mrs. Thurmond (Dot) was the daughter of Robert Louis Tyson and Elizabeth Parker Tyson.

Visitation will be at Delhomme Funeral Home on Bertrand Dr. (delhommefuneralhome.com) on Monday, July 13, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A short visitation will be held prior to the service at the church from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM for those unable to attend Monday. Following the services, a private, short graveside service will be held at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

She contracted cancer in her early forties and her determination to survive got her through a disease that killed most women during that time.

She was known for her gentle ways--gentle, yet firm enough to accomplish the task at hand. She worked for the Louisiana Department of Labor, where she would work tirelessly as a placement representative, finding the right job for those needing it. She loved to find jobs for people that had lost a job. She finally retired, proud of her accomplishments in that title.

She loved to travel. Before the fall that broke her hip just before a planned trip to the Netherlands, she would take cruises and trips to Canada, London, Egypt, Israel, Alaska and many states to view Nature.

Until her move to Rosewood Retirement Community, she was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. Dot was a "Special Member of the United Methodist

Women of the World". She had been a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Grace Agate society and various other projects at the Church. She was a kid's favorite teacher every summer for Vacation Bible School. An active member of the school PTA, she was always ready to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed.

She was preceded by her husband, Holmes Thurmond Jr.; a son Tritos (Mary Ann) Thurmond and a granddaughter, Chelsea Thurmond. She is survived by her children Robert "Butch," Charles "Chuck" (Bobby Sue) and Mae Beth (Marion) Mills, and six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Miss Dot leaves behind family, friends and caregivers that will hold her in their memories forever.

Pallbearers will be son-in-law Marion Mills, grandsons Sebastian Thurmond and Mac Thurmond, great-grandson Kyle LeJeune, and great-granddaughters, Keirsten LeJeune and Georgia Brady.

Remembrances may be made in lieu of flowers to First United Methodist Church (fumc-lafayette.org or 337-233-3812) in Dot's name or Salvation Army of Lafayette (salvationarmyusa.org or 337-235-2407).

The family wishes to express special thanks to the loving staff at Rosewood Assisted Living and Bridgeway Healthcare & Hospice.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Thurmond family at www.delhommefuneralhome.com.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Cemetery

Greenlawn Cemetery

2300 North University Avenue
Lafayette, LA, 70507

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Delhomme Funeral Home

1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

JUL **Visitation** 04:30PM - 05:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

703 Lee Ave., Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

JUL **Celebration of Life** 05:00PM

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Comments



“ My mother Gaynell Miles and her sisters Dell Smelker & Kitty Kelley were Close friends for many decades! We grew up with the kids. Fond memories of Dottie. Sorry for your loss.
Sylvia Miles Guerin

Sylvia Guerin - July 14 at 11:00 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothea "Dot" Thurmond.



July 13 at 09:18 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothea "Dot" Thurmond.



July 13 at 04:27 PM



“ Lots of prayers for all of you. You mom was definately the sweetest resident I have meet. So many great memories, I remember at one point she was determined to go buy a bath tub for her apartment so she could soak in bubbles, she just wanted me to bring her shopping and return her before anyone knew. She was so funny. Love you guys.

Tabitha Landry - July 12 at 11:51 AM



“ Thanks, we will remember you always for being so good to her. But, Thanks for not bringing her to get that tub!! butch

robert thurmond - July 13 at 02:45 PM



“ Dear Mae Beth and family,
I saw in the paper that your 99 year old mother passed away. Wow what a wonderful long life she had. As a child I have fond memories of us playing together and how sweet she always was. My thoughts and prayers are with all of y'all during this time. God bless.
Jamie Owen Parkerson

Jamie Owen Parkerson - July 12 at 08:41 AM



“ I remember waking up earlier than I ever thought to sit with her as she wrote letters to loved ones and made breakfast. It felt like learning how to greet the day with her.

Hannah - July 12 at 12:29 AM



“ Mae Beth and All: As I read the notice of your mother's passing, a wonderful lady, memories of her and of you and Tritus (talented musicians), came flowing back of your school years and her support you both. She had a very long life, but it is always sad to lose a Mother! May God Grant her Eternal Peace and Console her Family.

John Kenney

John Kenney - July 13 at 10:00 AM



“ Mae Beth,, Chuck, and Butch, your mom was the kindest, most lovely woman. Like Sylvia said, my mom, Kitty, and her sisters Gay and Dell, always said she was another sister. She truly was a good friend to them and one of the most positive people I've ever known. I'll be thinking of all of you.

Sheilah Kelley-Logan - July 15 at 11:57 AM