



## Dorothy Ann Fraser

June 13, 1942 - August 31, 2017

Dorothy Ann (Christensen) Fraser died on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Fresno.

Dorothy was born in Omaha, Nebraska to Raymond and Margaret Christensen and was oldest of six children. Dorothy was raised in Omaha and in El Centro, California. She studied nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha, Nebraska; Sonoma State University and University of California San Francisco.

Dorothy was employed as a nurse and family nurse practitioner in hospitals and clinics throughout the California for over 40 years. Dorothy's true calling was to be a teacher and she trained thousands of nurses and nurse practitioners throughout the state during her inspiring 35-year teaching career at San Diego State University, the University of Southern California, UC Davis, California State University Fresno, National University and Fresno Pacific University. Dorothy was recently inducted into the Nursing Hall of Fame.

Dorothy is survived by her three adult children and their spouses: Anthony Michael Fraser and his wife Laura Grote Fraser of Clovis, James Fraser and his wife Kami Fraser of Clovis and Lara Michels and Jeff Michels of Orinda, California. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four beloved dogs. Dorothy will also be missed by her three

siblings; Helen Klaw of Stockbridge, Georgia, Diane Lyon and Chris Christensen.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A vigil service will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick. Interment will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery.

In honor of Dorothy's legacy, remembrances may be made in her honor to the Foundation of National Student Nurses Association, 45 Main Street, Suite 606, Brooklyn, NY 11201 or online at [fnsna@forevernursing.org](mailto:fnsna@forevernursing.org)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
michael@chapelofthelight.com  
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

## Vigil Service

SEP 12. 7:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
michael@chapelofthelight.com  
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

## Funeral Mass

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
355 E. Champlain  
Fresno, CA 93730

# Tribute Wall



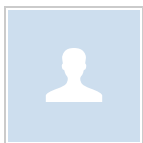
“ *Dorothy Ann Fraser*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

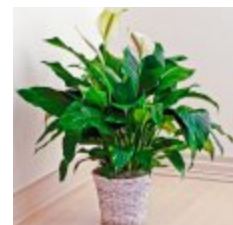


“ *Dorothy was not only a great Mother but also a very enthusiastic and supportive Grandmother and Great Grandmother. We had the opportunity to share with her numerous grandchildren sporting events. She was always there to be part of her grandkids activities and how proud she was to see them compete and succeed not to mention contribute in any way to help - like paying for their snacks, donating for fundraisers, or buying whatever they needed-never to she say No. She was passionate about her teaching and eager and willing to pass on her knowledge to help another person learn the necessities of nursing to become a successful care giver. She was all about family, friends, faith and fun. We will miss the good times we shared together but always remember the memories we shared as well. God bless you....Bill and Monica Giles*❤️❤️

**Bill and Monica Giles** - September 12, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.*



September 12, 2017 at 12:35 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.*



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September 11, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.*



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September 11, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of Dorothy's death and tough last few years.  
I worked with Dorothy at UC Davis FNP/PA Program, where I was the Director.  
I will always remember Dorothy as the consummate professional dragging us ( faculty and students) screaming and kicking into the new century and educational frontier. She was so well regarded by students and faculty alike. She loved her kids and especially her grandchildren. Her favorite thing to say to us was that she loved teaching in her jammies with her dogs nearby, anytime, of day or night, as it fit around babysitting! She will be missed. My condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Betty Ingell** - September 08, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ My memories of Dorothy as far back as I remember is how she devoted her life to her family and her love for nursing. She would teach at the University and have a nursing job too and still make it to the family gathering. She loved her family dearly. She was blessed with grandchildren that gave her such joy. When she would speak of her grandchildren you could see the spark in her eyes and joy in her voice. She instilled to her children the importance of education and they all succeeded in getting an education and a successful career. I know she was very proud of them and enjoyed being so close to them to share with them their families grow. She had the medical knowledge that surpassed some doctors out there. She grew up in a time women could only be a nurse but she was a doctor to all that knew her. I admire the energy she had everyday to fit all in her day she did. Sometimes it seemed she never slept or did for herself. She was happy doing for others and never thought of herself. I know she was greeted by her father, my grandfather, and her mom and my mother, her sister, her brother and so many others we have lost over the years. I am sure the Christensen Family is having a family reunion up there filled with won tons, pizzas, and cinnamon rolls most likely a table with some of them playing pass the ace :) Just like what is was like every holiday at the Christensen home when I was growing up. I miss those days dearly. I was surrounded by love.

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**Robin Genis** - September 08, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ I seem to have lost the memory I was trying to share so I will write it and hopefully this time I click the correct sharing button. I know Dorothy as Mimi and Sarah's wonderful grandmother. I used to call her the "good grandmother" as she would come to visit laden with gifts (the big kind you only get from a good grandma) and then would get down on the floor and play with the girls. I know she missed them not living close to her as she would come as often as she could and the girls always loved visiting and staying with her and her dogs. Her sweetness and goodness will be missed! Love to all the family from the "other grandmother".

Linda Michels - September 08, 2017 at 03:02 AM

DF

“ Diane Lyon and her family purchased the Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.



Diane Lyon and her family - September 07, 2017 at 08:45 PM

LM

“ I have know Dorothy mostly as Mimi and Sarah's grandmother. I always referred to her as the "good grandmother". She clearly missed not having them closer to her as she would make the trip down to the Bay Area to see them often and always carrying amazing gifts (the kind kids dream about) and then she would get down on the floor and play with them. They were always happy to see her and happy to go to Fresno. We will miss her sweet and loving self. Love to her children and grandchildren from the "other grandmother".

Linda Michels - September 07, 2017 at 04:12 PM

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“ *From Your Friends at the United Faculty purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.*



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**From Your Friends at the United Faculty** - September 07, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.*



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September 06, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Fraser.*



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September 06, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dorothy for the past 20 years, at UC Davis, Fresno State, and Sablans' in Firebaugh. Dorothy was the hardest working person I have ever known. She always worked at least two jobs, but most never noticed, since she gave 100% to each. Even in retirement, she continued to teach part-time.

*Dorothy was the consummate teacher. She could, and did, teach almost anything: graduate, undergraduate, RN to BSN. She did it all. But, she not only taught students, she taught faculty how to teach. This was her greatest gift to me, turning me from a clinician into faculty.*

*To think of Dorothy is to think of her dogs. They were even more spoiled than mine. When they were too old to jump on the bed, she bought steps so they could climb up. When there were so many dogs that there was no room on the bed, instead of making them sleep on the floor, she bought a bigger bed. Once, when my mother's caregiver tried to get me to take a dog that she needed to give away, Dorothy came with me to see the puppy. One look at Dorothy and the dog jumped into her arms, completely ignoring me. That was how Precious came to live with her.*

*Dorothy and I traveled together throughout the US and to Thailand giving presentations on various subjects. Dorothy always made these trips fun, as well as educational. In between, we went to lunch, talking about books, children, grandchildren, and, in Dorothy's case, great grandchildren. Dorothy was always so proud of all of their accomplishments. She was not just brilliant, but she was wise, which is even rarer, and she used that wisdom to subtly guide her children and grandchildren, as well as her students.*

*I was so lucky to have Dorothy in my life. I am going to miss her greatly.*

*Cricket Barakzai*

**Cricket Barakzai** - September 05, 2017 at 10:30 PM