



Dorothy L. Murphy

November 29, 1923 - December 3, 2023

DOROTHY L. "DOTTIE" MURPHY passed away on December 3, 2023 at the age of 100 years and 4 days. Her goal this last year was to live to her 100th birthday.

Dorothy was born November 29, 1923, in Duluth, Minnesota to Peter and Verna Laskowski. She attended local schools and took business classes at College of St. Scholastica.

On October 12, 1946, Dorothy married Gerald R. Murphy. They establish a home in Duluth, Minnesota but in the 1950s, they relocated to Los Angeles, California due to his father's health. In 1960 Jerry and Dorothy relocated to Fresno, California, where she remained the rest of her life.

Dorothy was an Executive Secretary in the banking industry, primarily in commercial lending, and worked at several different banks over the years until her retirement in 1997.

Dorothy and Jerry began cruising in the 1970's and had many cruises together until Jerry's death in April 1980. Dorothy continued cruising and had a total of 89 cruises until her health slowed her down in 2012. Dorothy's other hobby was visiting the local casinos and playing the slots. Dorothy's mind stayed extremely sharp right to the end. A vacant piece of property always caught her eye, and she would speculate on the values and uses of the land. She remained a devoted fan of FOX News right to the end.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Verna Laskowski, her husband, Gerald R. Murphy, brothers Tom Laskowski, and John

Laskowski and her sister, Margarete Beauclair. She is survived by her niece, Judy (Ed) Wristen of Visalia California, who was her primary caregiver for the last 10 years, and niece Joan Beauclair of Duluth, Minnesota. Also, numerous great and great great nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was a very kind and generous person who helped many folks over the years.

Final services are handled by Chapel of The Light. Dorothy chose to be cremated and inurnment will be private.

A memorial at Chapel of The Light, 1620 W. Belmont Ave. Fresno California will be held January 8, 2024 at 11:30am. Reception to follow.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light
1620 W. Belmont Ave.
Fresno, CA 93728
(559) 233-6254
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

Reception

JAN 8. 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light Banquet Room
1620 W. Belmont Ave
Fresno , CA

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sad to hear of Dottie's passing, but surprised to hear of her age - amazing. Dottie worked with me and my mother at United California Bank in the early 60's. We were all secretaries and she prided herself in taking good care of her boss - making travel arrangements, accommodations and scheduling meetings. She attended my wedding and I can also remember when she turned 40, I was 19. It seems she had a sister, maybe in Colorado with nieces, whom she was very fond of. I last saw Dottie in January of 2009 and years later tried to look her up in the phone book and then online with no success. I would have loved to visit and talk of old times. My condolences to the family. Vonne Gross

Vonne Gross - December 11, 2023 at 12:28 AM

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Thank you for sharing your wonderful memories you have of Dorothy. I'm sure she would have loved keeping in touch with you.
Judy Wristen, niece

Judy Wristen - December 12, 2023 at 10:05 AM