



Dorothy House

November 15, 1930 - January 25, 2021

Dorothy Ann House, 90, of Cape Girardeau, MO, passed away on January 25, 2021 in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Dorothy was born November 15, 1930 to William Maier and Pauline Maier Robison in Cape Girardeau, MO. She received both her Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Teaching from Southeast Missouri State University.

Dorothy was a social butterfly who loved to converse with people from all walks of life. She was an ardent gardener for much of her life, and was declared "Best Garden" several times over in her neighborhood. She loved to be out in nature, and chose to take a daily walk until her mid-80s. She also would teach English as a second language after her retirement as a remedial reading teacher.

Dorothy was extremely family oriented and was extremely proud of her daughter, Sherry Estes, for her time as a lawyer and single mother. She took the time to tell each of her grandchildren how proud of them she was every chance she got. She loved to dance any time a song with a good beat would play, and would encourage her grandchildren to dance with her.

Dorothy was preceded in the next phase of living by her parents William G. Maier and Pauline Maier Robison; her maternal and paternal grandparents; as

well as her son, Bradford Estes.

Even up until her passing, Dorothy was a firecracker of a woman. She had an affinity for cookies that was matched only by the Cookie Monster. Dorothy exuded life and light into any room she entered, and was fondly thought of by all. She was fiercely loyal and loving, and also a bit of a goofball. She is survived by her daughter Sherry Estes of Cape Girardeau and her children: Ixchell Ortiz Estes, Cristina Rodriguez and her husband Carlos, and Willi Eden, all of Chicago, IL; her grandchild Stephen Thompson and his wife Mandy, as well as their two daughters Kelsey and Mercedes of St. Louis, MO and a host of other relatives.

A socially-distant celebration of life will be held at 10 AM on Friday, January 29, 2021 in the auditorium of La Croix Methodist Church, 3201 Lexington Ave. Cape Girardeau, MO. which can be attended online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85173978411>

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Dorothy's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home on Mt. Auburn Rd. is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM.

auditorium of La Croix Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Dear Dorothy's family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Dorothy was such a vibrant and fun-loving person. She was also a person that cared a lot about other people. I enjoyed getting to know her at our time together at La Croix.
Janet Rueseler

Janet Rueseler - January 30, 2021 at 11:34 AM

SS

“ Sherry, What a fine gal was your mother. She and my sister Luise Montgomery Scarlett were friends since cheerleading days at CHS. I later came to spend time with Dorothy at the bridge table. Such a joy to be with her. Several years ago my sister was home for the last time. I took her to visit your mother. It was a delight for me to observe their long friendship. Those two and numerous other of their friends are reconnecting in their heavenly home. Loved, Missed, Never Forgotten❤️.

Susan Mintgomery Smith - January 29, 2021 at 11:58 AM

AA

“ Sherry, my sympathy to your family.....Dorothy was always so much fun to be with and she always had so many experiences to share. We became friends at LaCroix Church and she will be greatly missed.
Ava Allen

Ava Allen - January 29, 2021 at 11:11 AM

WM

“ Dorothy was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She came and befriended us after we moved in across the street from her. She would bring us eggplant and other veggies from time to time. Living across the street, we got the joy of her beautiful flowers, and 'park like' yard without having to do any of the work. Even after moving out of the neighborhood, she still welcomed us if we stopped by for a visit.

Wendy Metzinger - January 28, 2021 at 03:01 PM

SM

“ Sandy Minter lit a candle in memory of Dorothy House



Sandy Minter - January 27, 2021 at 08:09 PM

RO

“ I had the privilege of attending church with Dorothy. But long before that, I lived down the street from Dorothy on Grandview. Her gardens were works of beauty and brought much joy to me and my children. She was a firecracker...but a very humble one with a woman with so many talents.

Ruth Ann Orr - January 27, 2021 at 04:35 PM

SS

“ *It was my pleasure and blessing to get to know Dorothy at La Croix Church. We served on several ministries together. Her obituary describes her perfectly. My sympathies to her family and close friends. She will be missed. May she dance in heaven!*

Sally Strickland

Sally Strickland - January 27, 2021 at 01:45 PM

PW

“ *Dorothy was a sweet and wonderful neighbor! She loved to talk and always wanted to know how our kids were doing. She loved her beautiful gardens and they definitely were the talk of the neighborhood! She will be greatly missed!*



Pam and Roger Westrich - January 27, 2021 at 07:28 AM