



Dorothy Ellen Douglas

June 25, 2020 - June 25, 2020

Dorothy (Dot) Ellen Stroger Douglas was born to Sylvester and Occie Stroger on December 7, 1922 in Galveston, Texas. She accepted Christianity at a very early age and she never hesitated to assist anyone, regardless of their circumstances. Dot, her mother Occie, and Dot's brother Napoleon Wheeler relocated to California in the late 1930's. Dot would spend the majority of her life living in the San Francisco Bay Area. While attending Berkeley High School, she met her first husband, Fred Odell Franklin Sr. In 1940, Dot graduated from Oakland Technical High School, and later that year, Dot and Odell got married. Dot and Odell were blessed with three beautiful children: Beverly Yvonne, Fred Odell and Julius Dale. Although Dot and Odell's marriage ended, they both happily remarried.

After the dissolution of her first marriage, Dot worked for several years as a clerk for Naval Supply and as a salesperson of beauty supplies. Multitalented, Dot was not afraid to get her hands dirty so she worked as a welder in Lake Shasta, CA and she used her gift of gab to sell cars in Reno, NV. She also owned her own record shop in West Oakland, a business that was managed by her youngest son, Dale, in the early 1960's.

In the late 1960's, Dot met the love of her life, Fenwick Douglas and on January 2, 1971, Dot became Mrs. Dorothy Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas remained together for 44 years until Mr. Douglas' passing in 2015. Dot and Mr.

D (a family nickname for Mr. Douglas) loved to travel and during their travels they lived in Miami, FL., Phoenix, Arizona. and Nassau, Bahamas. However, Dot wanted to be closer to family, so they decided to migrate back to the Bay Area to live their later years.

Dot was truly an artful and imaginative person: she adored fashion, she cherished the arts, and she along with her crafting skills. Dot was also a certified Tri-Chem Crafts consultant for over 20 years and most of her family fondly remembers her creating masterpieces using her Tri-Chem crafting paints and supplies. Always encouraging young people to be creative, Dot showed them how to embrace their creative side through art. During her time in the Bahamas, Dot sponsored numerous classes and workshops for local children because she wanted to expose them to crafts.

In Dot's later years, she was an active member of the Gray Panthers, a multi-generational advocacy network within the United States with the primary purpose of confronting ageism and other social justice issues affecting the nation senior citizens. Dot was also active in her local community as a regular volunteer in Berkeley's senior community centers and spent 20 years volunteering as an usher at the Paramount Theater.

Dorothy may now rest in peace and can join her love, Fenwick, who preceded her in death by five years, in heaven. She leaves behind children Fred Franklin (Berkeley), Julius Dale Franklin (Pittsburg), daughter Beverly Ware (deceased) and daughter-in-law Patricia Russell (Berkeley). Dorothy also leaves behind grandchildren Kwamin Franklin (deceased), Ardarius Franklin (Concord), Jamil Franklin (Richmond), Andrea (Fresno), Mekevil (Oakland), and Lorenzo (Oakland). Lastly, Dot leaves behind over a dozen great and great-great grandchildren. Her presence and her spirit will be greatly missed!

The family wishes to acknowledge, and thank Melvin (her nurse) for all his

support and excellent care.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
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Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

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