



Dorothy Stapleton

January 17, 1932 - May 1, 2021

Dorothy Irene Knight Stapleton

Dorothy Stapleton of Apoka, FL, passed away on 1 May 2021 at the age of 89 years.

Born in Sanford, FL, on 17 January 1932 to Austin O. and Margarett (Butner) Knight, she grew up on a farm in nearby Wagner. In the 1940's, the family moved back to Sanford where she attended public schools and graduated from Seminole High School in 1950, having been on the Honor Roll throughout her 12 years of school.

Following graduation, she began a career in bookkeeping and worked at a number of Sanford area businesses and institutions, including the Florida State Bank, Furniture Center, Wilkins Paving, and the Seminole County School Board. In 1990, at the age of 58, she enrolled as a freshman at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, fulfilling a lifetime dream. After completing the semester, she took a position in the Admissions Office.

A member of the Moravian Church, she had a deep faith and sense of commitment. She served on church boards and committees, taught Sunday School, was a youth advisor, camp counselor, and delegate to the Provincial Synod.

She was devoted to her family, generous to a fault, and endeared herself to everyone she met. Having a wide variety of skills and talents, she wrote poetry, was a stained glass artist, and enjoyed gardening - especially pulling weeds! And she loved the beach and all things related to the ocean and seashore.

She is survived by her son, Thom Stapleton; granddaughter, Rachael Linden; son-in-law, Jim Nelson; grandson, James Nelson; granddaughter, Darcy Nelson; sister-in-law, Sherry Knight; nieces, Donalyn Knight and Gina Knight; and nephew, Greg Knight. Her brothers, Donald and Herby Knight, and daughter Cecilia Nelson preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to your favorite charity or consider a donation to Cornerstone Hospice.

Comments



“ Remembering my beloved friend "Dot" for all the wonderful times we shared talking on the phone, at Sweet Tomatoes & in NSB, FL. Despite our age difference, Dot & I had so much in common from foods we loved, to shopping at Bealle's, to artwork & books, to gardening & of course the beach.

Dot had a wonderful dry sense of humor & could weave the best stories with her wit & southern drawl. Talking with her would always brighten my darkest day.

She was generous to a fault & hard-headed too. Her Xmas boxes to me & my husband were always the highlight of the holiday season. You just never knew what she'd tuck inside those boxes...with always a heartfelt long letter describing our treasured friendship.

My only regret is losing contact with Dot when her daughter became ill simultaneously to end-of-life caretaking for my dad.

Rest in peace, Dear Friend & know you will not be forgotten!

-Val Verba
(Friend & beach soulmate)

Val Verba - September 10 at 01:27 PM