



Doris Richards Widhalm

July 23, 1935 - December 13, 2022

Obituary for Doris (Dot) Richards Widhalm

A truly amazing woman was lost to this world on December 13, 2022. Wife, mother, grandma, sister, aunt, and friend, Dot held steadfast in her love and devotion to them through to her final days. All who knew her never questioned her unwavering dedication to family and faith.

Dot was born in Orlando to Laura and Horace Richards. She was the oldest of the four siblings. Throughout her life she treasured and held dear her close relationship with her two sisters and baby brother. Her mother instilled this value in her. Dot was always fiercely loyal and protective of her siblings.

In 1953, Dot graduated from Winter Park High School. Shortly after, she married her one and only love Donald (Don) Widhalm for his sweetness and movie star looks. As a dedicated wife she followed him throughout his military and running career. Always by his side, they resided in several states, including Puerto Rico, where they conceived their one and only daughter Donna. Upon her husband's retirement they returned to Winter Park/Orlando to live and be close to family. Dot was a wonderful mother and an even more wonderful grandma. She, along with her husband Don, loved spending time and caring for their two grandchildren Grady and Haley, where deep bonds were formed from a very early age. She was married to Don, the love of her life, for sixty-six years. She was so dearly loved.

Dot is survived by her husband, Donald Widhalm; daughter, Donna Hardwick and husband Greg, grandchildren Grady and Haley, sister Bobbie Wendrzyk , sister Eleanor Hall, brother Buddy Richards and nieces, nephews, in-laws, and many other loving relatives.

The family asks in lieu of flowers to give the gift of your time. Dot would simply want time spent with her husband Don as he is lost without her and the days following will be the hardest.

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Palm Cemetery
1005 N. New York Ave
Winter Park, FL

Reception at the family residence

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hardwick's Residence
1341 N. Lake Sybelia Dr.
Maitland, FL 32751

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Doris Richards Widhalm.



December 18, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Doris Richards Widhalm.



December 18, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Doris Richards Widhalm.



December 18, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Doris Richards Widhalm.



December 16, 2022 at 11:08 PM