



Dorothy Youkey Gruen

December 21, 1920 - August 13, 2012

Dorothy (Dot) Platt Youkey Gruen died on Tuesday, August 13, 2012, from a massive stroke.

Born in Racine, WI, December 21, 1920, Dot grew up in Crown Point, IN. She graduated from Purdue University, earning a degree in home economics. In 1942, she married Robert Youkey, also of Crown Point. They began their family, then moved in 1952 to North Miami, FL, and in 1960 to Lakeland, FL, following Bob's career path in city government.. Throughout these years, Dot led an active life as a friend, volunteer, tennis enthusiast, and supporter of her husband's career.

When her marriage to Bob Youkey ended in 1976, Dot moved to be close to her daughter, and settled in Gaithersburg, MD, where she met Robert Gruen. They married in 1979, and lived in a golfing community in Hedgesville, WV, before relocating to Chestertown, MD, in May 2000.

During her years in Chestertown, MD, Dot was active as a member of the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown as she had been a lifelong Presbyterian. She was also a member of the PEO sisterhood, Women's League of Washington College, Women's Republican Club of Kent County, Lambert Wickes Questers, the Regal Reds Red Hats, and All Seasons Garden Club. She volunteered at the Community Food Pantry and loved to play bridge. Her

frequent baking for friends and family gained her the nickname "The Cookie Lady."

Mrs. Gruen was predeceased by her parents, Martha and Neil Platt, and her brothers, William and Richard Platt. Both her son, William Youkey, and her husband, Robert Gruen, died in 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Martha (Marti) Hawkins, and her husband, Charles E. Hawkins III, of Chestertown, MD. Other survivors include grandchildren, Charles E. Hawkins IV (Chad) and his wife, Nancy, of Fairhope, AL; Jennifer Hawkins Gilliam and her husband, William, of Richmond, VA; Decland Youkey and his wife, Leslie, of Mobile, AL; Steven Youkey, and Stafford Youkey, both of Huntsville, AL. Mrs. Gruen is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Carol Youkey, of The Villages, FL; a stepson, Robert Gruen and his wife, Susan, of Heath, MA; and a stepdaughter, Kate Gruen Luna of Santa Rosa, CA. She leaves four great-grandchildren, Campbell Whyte, Catherine Hawkins, Nicolas Whyte and Declan Youkey, and three step-grandchildren.

A service of remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 13, at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown at 11 a.m. The family will participate in a private interment prior to this date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Dot's name to The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown 905 Gateway Drive, Chestertown, MD 21620 or Chester River Manor, 200 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Service

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
905 Gateway Drive
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Youkey Gruen

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Dorothy Youkey Gruen

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Dorothy Youkey Gruen

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I have such warm and loving memories of precious moments spent with your mom, Marti, and all of your family since we were preteens. Dot was such an excellent cook, a gracious hostess, kind, caring, and generous. Hers was the first Christmas card I received each year; she was always so sweet and thoughtful.*

Much love, prayers, and hugs to you and yours.

Marie

Marie Wilson - August 17, 2012 at 04:26 PM



LD

“ Praying for you and your family today. Marty.



Lara Davies - August 16, 2012 at 08:57 AM

SG

“ Martie, so sorry to read of the death of your Mother, I will let my siblings know as I am sure they share my thoughts and prayers for you, Sandy

Sandra Griffith - August 15, 2012 at 09:28 PM

LC

“ Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Youkey Gruen



Lori Collier - August 15, 2012 at 03:05 PM