



## Dorothy Mae Kratz

December 27, 1930 - March 22, 2025

Dorothy Mae (Schaefer) Kratz, age 94, passed away on March 22, 2025. She is the daughter of the late Otto B. Schaefer and Sarah Sadue Schaefer. She is also preceded in death by her brother Otto (Sonney) R. Schaefer.

She was born on December 27, 1930, and raised in Clear Springs, Texas on Lake Dunlap. She graduated in 1949 from New Braunfels High School. In 1949, she attended college at the University of Texas in Austin where she was appointed Honorary Cadet Lieutenant Colonel for the Air Force ROTC. In 1950, Dorothy was initiated into the Omega Chapter of Alpha Phi Sorority. She received her college degree from the College of Business Administration known today as the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas.

Dorothy married Jeremiah F. Kratz at the First Protestant Church in New Braunfels on June 7, 1952, where they were both members. They settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Grasonville in 1968 where they lived on Little Greenwood Creek for 29 years while raising five children. In 1997, they relocated to Trappe, MD (Windy Hill) on the Choptank River where they lived for 20 years. Dorothy and Jeremiah were married for 64 years until his passing on February 25, 2017.

Dorothy was a dedicated and devoted homemaker and a wonderfully, talented seamstress. She loved living near the water and found joy in the serenity of

nature. She was also passionate about gardening, nurturing life and beauty in her hands. Being outdoors brought her great happiness. She was the embodiment of love, kindness, and strength, always putting others first. With her sweet nature and gentle spirit, she had a way of making everyone feel special, loved, and cared for. Her kind soul and sweet nature will be missed by all who knew her. Dorothy leaves behind a legacy of love, warmth, and devotion that will live in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Dorothy was the heart of our family. She is survived by her five children: James F. Kratz (Lynn) of Lakewood Ranch, FL; Catherine C. Bornhoeft (John) of Henderson, MD; Christina K. Warren (PD St. John) of Queenstown, MD; Cynthia J. Phillips (Scott) of Salisbury, MD; and Samuel J. Kratz (Pari) of Towson, MD as well as eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton  
200 S. Harrison St.  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz*



**Mary Ann Edwards** - March 29, 2025 at 09:07 AM

SS

“ *Dorothy was a special lady and a great friend and neighbor. She will be greatly missed.*



**Sherry Saville** - March 28, 2025 at 05:29 PM

SS

“ *Sherry and Terry Saville purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Mae Kratz.*



**Sherry and Terry Saville** - March 28, 2025 at 05:22 PM

LW

“ *Lynne Willson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz*



**Lynne Willson** - March 28, 2025 at 05:19 PM

CT

“ Colleen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz



Colleen Thomas - March 28, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CT

Christy, Cathy and Family  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. May treasured memories and the great love and care your showed your mom comfort you in the days ahead.

Colleen Thomas - March 28, 2025 at 03:59 PM

KR

“ I sure will miss seeing this sweet lady. She was always ready with a smile and a hug. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Kimberly D Rada - March 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Mae Kratz.

March 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Kratz.



March 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM

KC

“ Keith & Shelley Coffin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Mae Kratz.



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**Keith & Shelley Coffin** - March 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

CJ

“ Connie And Jim purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dorothy Mae Kratz.



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**Connie And Jim** - March 26, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LS

“ Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz



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**Laura Saddler** - March 26, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BK

“ Blessed to call Dorothy my neighbor. 🙏❤️

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**Bobbie king** - March 26, 2025 at 11:13 AM

PB

“ Peter B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Mae Kratz.

Peter B. - March 25, 2025 at 08:21 PM

GL

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Kratz family.

Greg and Kathy Lantz - March 25, 2025 at 11:01 AM

PW

“ Patti And Craig Willis lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz



Patti and Craig Willis - March 25, 2025 at 08:39 AM

BP

“ Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz



Bill and Norma Patton - March 25, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Mae Kratz.

March 24, 2025 at 07:31 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz*



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**Sheila Willis** - March 24, 2025 at 05:56 PM

KC

“ *Karen L Colley lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Mae Kratz*



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**Karen L Colley** - March 24, 2025 at 05:33 PM

KC

*Dear Christy, Cathy and family,  
What a life well lived! I remember Mrs. Dorothy as a kind, caring lady with a beautiful smile.  
Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Karen Colley and family*

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**KAREN L COLLEY** - March 24, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Mae Kratz.*

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March 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Kratz.*



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March 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM