Dorothy R. Leap

June 5, 1927 - November 3, 2012

Dorothy Leap of Chestertown, MD, died on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Memorial Hospital at Easton in Easton, MD. She was 85.

Mrs. Leap was born on June 5, 1927, in Baltimore, MD, to the late Brestle A. and Elizabeth Benson Rupert. She attended Hagerstown High School, graduating Class of 1945. She continued her education at Western Maryland College, receiving a Bachelor's degree in 1949. She later completed her Masters from University of Maryland.

On December 27, 1949, she married Ernest H. Leap, Jr., and they resided in Cambridge, MD. In 1967, she and her family moved to Chestertown, where she began working for the Kent County Schools system. She assisted in developing the Kindergarten level, and later become a Kindergarten teacher. In 1991, she retired. In 2006, her husband of 56 years predeceased her.

Mrs. Leap is a member of the Kent County Retired Teachers Association and has a passion for music. She has directed church choirs in Cambridge and at the First United Methodist Church in Chestertown.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael D. Leap, and one sister, Mary Kaufman.

Mrs. Leap is survived by two daughters, Carol L. Startt and husband, David and Patricia L. Burton and husband, Fred; one daughter-in-law, Pat Leap; four grandchildren, Melanie Moyer, Jenna Startt, Adam Burton, and Aaron Burton; and five great-grandchildren, Steve, James, Beth, Abigail, and Cade.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 12 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call one hour prior (11 a.m. -12 p.m.). Interment will be held privately in St. Paul's Cemetery in Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 227, Chestertown, MD 21620 or the American Diabetes Association, 3120 Tianus Lane, Suite 106, Baltimore, MD 21244.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **8**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

PH

It has been many years since I have seen Mrs. Leap, but my memories of her are of a lovely, beautiful woman that always made me feel welcome in her home when I would visit Carol. I know that she will be missed on this earth and my thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Pam Bailey Halliwell

Pam Bailey Halliwell - November 09, 2012 at 06:32 PM

TS

The GGbles Staff lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

The gGbles Staff - November 08, 2012 at 03:09 PM

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AM

Anne Wright Murphy lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Anne Wright Murphy - November 07, 2012 at 12:53 PM

HH

Dottie was far more than a friend to me. I knew Ernie most of my life (I was born and raised in Cambridge.) Dottie had such a friendly, outgoing personality, she fitted in the Cambridge "scene" immediately. She was a mentor and role model for me -- a great encourager. Later, we volunteered together at First Church. She had the voice of an angel and I DID NOT so I served in other capacities. Much to my delight, our daughter Nancy was gifted with a lovely voice--so, she sang with the First Church Choir, under Dottie's direction. I just know in my heart that Dottie is in heaven and has already organized a heavenly chorus. God truly blessed me with knowing her. Please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.
Fondly,
Harriette and Norris Hall

Harriette Hall - November 06, 2012 at 07:31 PM

HH

Harriette Hall lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Harriette Hall - November 06, 2012 at 07:21 PM

ND

Sincere thoughts and sympathy to the family of "Mrs. Dottie" , for this world has lost a giant of a lady

Nancy Dolgos - November 06, 2012 at 06:08 PM

VC

Virginia Cooper lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Virginia Cooper - November 06, 2012 at 11:12 AM

SQ

Sara Quinn lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Sara Quinn - November 06, 2012 at 08:53 AM

GW

Carol, Patty, Pat and Family, Heaven truly got another angel! Dottie was a kind and gentle lady, always wearing a smile with open arms for a hug. I'm honored to have called her family and can only imagine the reunion with Ernie and Mike! My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Love, G.W.

GW Wright - November 06, 2012 at 01:32 AM

NC

You were so much more than just a choir director to me. You were one of my spiritual leaders. I carry your wisdom and love in my heart. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Nancy Hall Coleman - November 05, 2012 at 09:08 PM

BW

Betty Wood lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Betty Wood - November 05, 2012 at 08:39 PM

EH

Ed And Shelley Hillyer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Ed and Shelley Hillyer - November 05, 2012 at 08:00 PM

LM

Lee And Susan McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Lee and Susan McGinnis - November 05, 2012 at 05:40 PM

BR

Bob And Sandy Rust lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Bob and Sandy Rust - November 05, 2012 at 05:11 PM

TJ

Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Dorothy R. Leap

Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - November 05, 2012 at 02:13 PM