



## Dorothy D. Minahan

July 21, 1927 - October 31, 2014

Dorothy Louise Dohme Minahan, of Stevensville, MD, passed away on Friday, October 31 at Hospice of Queen Anne's in Centreville.

Born on Baltimore's Hamilton Avenue in 1927, she attended Eastern High School and Maryland State Teacher's College. With her husband, James G. Minahan, she raised six children, building homes in Springfield, PA, Trenton, MI, and Andover, NJ, before retiring to Kent Island.

Dottie was a dancer all her life, both in body and mind. As a girl she studied and taught with Harriet Sauber, and was everyone's favorite jitterbug partner. As a mother she created elementary school variety shows and choreographed high school musicals, while running her own dancing school at home to nurture local talent (and finance a family piano).

In later life it was in her mind that she danced. Her nimble, philosophic, and pragmatically spiritual perspective was cherished by her family and sought out by many grateful friends. With an endless capacity to listen, and a gift for out-flanking our most certain beliefs, she patiently and light-heartedly led us all toward greater maturity and self-awareness.

From her life of dancing, teaching, woodworking, "Rube Goldberg-ing," and endless mothering, she is remembered most for the deep conversations,

thoughtful letters, and timeless "mom-isms" that dripped like honey (or bit like lemon) from the mind of our wise, thoughtful, and caring mother, friend, and wife.

Dorothy is survived by her husband Jim, five of her six children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Stevensville, MD. A visitation will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., in Chester, MD.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's or to Christ Church Parish Kent Island.

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

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NOV 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church (Kent Island)  
830 Romancoke Road  
Stevensville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy D. Minahan*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dorothy D. Minahan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dorothy D. Minahan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Colleen, I will always miss her. Betty L. P. Regards to your father.*

**Betty L. Pasola** - December 23, 2014 at 12:34 PM



“ *Juanita Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Dorothy D. Minahan*



**Juanita Wieczoreck** - November 04, 2014 at 12:47 PM

VD

“ Dear Colleen and Family,  
May our Lord Jesus and our Heavenly Father keep you all in his loving arms at this very sad time. Your Mom will always be with you until the day comes when you will meet again in the "HOME" where we all are promised. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Your friend~ Verna

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**verna downey** - November 04, 2014 at 12:12 PM

KS

“ Colleen and Family, my heart goes out to you at this very difficult time. There's no one in the world like your Mother and though I only met her once, she must have been an enormously wonderful person to have raised our Colleen.

*Karen Salter*

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**Karen Salter** - November 04, 2014 at 06:25 AM

NB

“ Fond memories of your incredibly creative mother and her work on ANNIE GET YOUR GUN- she was the best dance teacher/choreographer! Prayers and love to you and your family, today and always- take care, my friend- peace

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**Nick Beasanski** - November 03, 2014 at 12:44 PM

PP

“ Colleen and family,  
We are so sorry, your Mom leaves a wonderful legacy. Cherish the memories.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Paula DuChene & Wally Pflapsen

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**Paula Pflapsen** - November 03, 2014 at 06:59 AM

LP

“ I remember you pulling up in front of EMU with your folks in the family station wagon! Weekend trip home possibly! Your Mom's beautiful smile and gracious manners were something she had passed on to you, Colleen and others I'm sure!  
Sorry for your loss. Hope you are surrounded those you love and live you best! The love lives forever!  
Peace and Love Always,  
Lesta Fellows Preston

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**Lesta Fellows Preston** - November 02, 2014 at 07:14 PM

CP

“ Your mother was a lovely, caring woman and a phenomenal dance teacher and mentor. She instilled in me a lifelong love and passion for dance. I still teach many of the same routines to my young students that she taught me in her home studio in Trenton over 45 years ago. :) Wonderful memories! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

God bless,  
Carrie Pflepsen

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**Carrie Pflepsen** - November 02, 2014 at 05:26 PM

GM

“ Colleen and Family,  
My heart goes out to all of you. It is so difficult to lose this very special woman. I have very fond memories of going to your home in Trenton and sharing so much with your mother. She was so vibrant and such a good conversationalist. Know that others treasure great memories of your mom.  
Much Love to All,  
Gail DeSilvio Mack

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**Gail Mack** - November 02, 2014 at 04:23 PM

RP

“ *Colleen, I know your mother is looking down right now so happy that she will always be your mother and your guardian angel!! May your whole family be blessed with the peace that does indeed passes all understanding!*



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**rebecca pruit** - November 02, 2014 at 11:46 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Dorothy D. Minahan*



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**Debbie Dean** - November 02, 2014 at 11:31 AM

NK

“ *Condolences to my friend Colleen and her family. I never met Mrs. M but know through Colleen how much she meant to all of you. Prayers for peace.*

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**Nancy Koval** - November 02, 2014 at 09:55 AM

JF

“ *Dear Colleen and Family,  
She was your rock, your light, and your love.  
May she RIP.  
May you all be at peace in the coming days.*

*My heart aches with you now.*

*Janet Furnee*

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**Janet Furnee** - November 02, 2014 at 07:09 AM

SH

“ Dearest Colleen,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful Mother.  
I would like to share a brief memory: One time, when we were wee ones, I was at your house where your Mother allowed us to bake toll house cookies. When the recipe called for water and Crisco, she taught me how to pour water into the measuring cup and just add enough Crisco to reach the desired amount w minimal mess. After all these years, every time I pick up a measuring cup, which is daily, I think of her and her endless patience, and smile. I have taught her method to many children since and try to exercise the same caring patience she showed me.  
She was a treasure to many. I pray wonderful memories bring you and your family peace.  
Kind regards,  
Susan Horvath

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**Susan Horvath** - November 02, 2014 at 07:01 AM

CM

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**Colleen Minahan** - November 02, 2014 at 06:26 AM

PC

*Beautiful smiling picture of my friend and mentor Mrs. Minahan. I will miss our long talks.*

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**Patricia Curcio Christie** - November 04, 2014 at 05:42 PM

Ellen  
de Gail

“ *Rest in peace, my dear friend, and thank you for all of the years of friendship and love. I will miss you terribly, but the memories will last forever. Smooth sailing on your journey home!!*

*My love and most sincere condolences to the whole Minahan family who grieve today.*

*God bless, Ellen de Gail*



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**Ellen de Gail** - November 01, 2014 at 09:51 PM

PR

“ *Colleen, I am so sorry that your Mom has passed but based on her obit I know she is dancing in Heaven. Prayers for you and your family. She will always be with you. Pat*

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**Pat Radcliffe** - November 01, 2014 at 04:52 PM

MC

“ *Colleen and family, your Mom, a beacon in my life forever. Peace be in our life.*

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**m. carney** - November 01, 2014 at 12:03 PM

JA

“ *Colleen I am so sorry to read about your Mom I know your whole family will miss her. Memories are powerful. JO*

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**Joann Anderson** - November 01, 2014 at 05:56 AM

JA

“ *Joann Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy D. Minahan*



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**Joann Anderson** - November 01, 2014 at 05:52 AM

NM

*It is wwith a very heavy heart that I extend my condolences to all the Minahan family. I had a wonderful 68 years of friendship with Dottie. She was always so generous to me in making her family my family. I am so grateful for the times we had together, and I will miss her every day, I know. Love to Jim, Colleen, Bryan, Greg, Jeff and Karen. Norma Moore*

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**Norma Moore** - November 03, 2014 at 09:12 AM

CD

*This I know for sure, Dottie loved her GOD, her mother, her children, long deep conversations, the ocean, knowledge, and searching for the answers to unlock her multitude of questions.*

*I admired and respected her. She was a great teacher and an excellent listener. She was my favorite person to engage in conversation.*

*Unfortunately, for many reasons, we did not have much time together, but I can still hear that wonderful laugh she had.*

*We will meet in our next lifetime. At that time I'll be the one seeking answers and you will have them all.*

*To the family, I share your grief as I celebrate you mothers life.*

*Love to all,  
Carol Dohme*

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**Carol Dohme** - November 03, 2014 at 08:51 PM