



Dorothy Rada Monroe

February 23, 2001

Dorothy Rada Monroe of Chester River Beach, Grasonville, died at Memorial Hospital at Easton on Friday morning, Feb. 23, 2001. She was 76.

Born on May 17, 1924, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Sarah Pfarr Rada. After attending school in Baltimore, she married Lester M. Monroe on Sept. 11, 1943. At that time Mr. Monroe was serving with the U.S. Navy Armed Guard in the South Pacific during World War II. Mr. Monroe, who was a carpenter, died April 20, 1999. In 1958, the Monroes moved from Dundalk to the Eastern Shore and Mrs. Monroe was the caregiver at home for their son David, who had cerebral palsy. David died in 1963.

After her son's death, Mrs. Monroe went to work as a secretary for then attorney John W. Sause Jr. of Centreville, who also owned the Queen Anne's Record Observer, a weekly newspaper in Centreville. She eventually became office manager for the newspaper and continued in that position when the newspaper was purchased by Chesapeake Publishing Corp. in 1982. Even after her formal retirement from the Record Observer in September 1994, she continued to work part-time at the Record Observer. She also came in to train new office staff at the Record Observer, the Bay Times in Stevensville, and The Star Democrat in Easton, and was a substitute newsroom typist at The Star Democrat until late last year. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Chester River Beach Club, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7464, Grasonville.

Mrs. Monroe is survived by 18 nieces and nephews, and several cousins. Her brothers, William, George, and Henry Rada, and her sisters, Sue Stringer, Marie Rada, and Mary Thomas, are deceased.

Funeral services are at Old Wye Episcopal Church in Wye Mills at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26. Visitation is at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Centreville, from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. Burial will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Easton.

Contributions may be made to the Dorothy M. Monroe Memorial Journalism Scholarship, c/o Centreville National Bank, P.O. Box 400, Centreville, Md. 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ My parents, Edward and Evelyn Gephardt, knew Miss Dot and Mr. Lester from WWII until their deaths. Miss Dot was a lovely person, with a beautiful temperament and a lovely smile. She was salt of the earth and my mother adored her. Miss Dot was related to my father, and hence me, through the Pfarr family, but I am not sure how. Anyway, a few times a year, we would travel from Edgemere on the western shore, to Centreville, where the Monroes lived. They would come to Edgemere from time to time. I remember their son David. He had cerebral palsy and was wheelchair-bound. Miss Dot was so good to him. I was almost eight when David died in 1963. Miss Dot would have turned 100 on May 17. I am so glad that I knew her (and Mr. Lester). I think of them all fondly and I do hope that I will see them again. They were all fine people and are much missed. .

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