



Dorothy Ruth Tasman

January 16, 2020

Dorothy Ruth Tasman passed away on January 16, 2020 from Alzheimer's complicated by a recent stroke. She was the oldest daughter of Fred Barth Jr. and Melba Plato Barth.

Dorothy was born and grew up in Mansfield, Ohio where she attended a one room school house the first 9 years of her education, graduating from Mansfield Madison High School in 1953. Dorothy then moved to Chicago, Illinois and completed her Registered Nurse degree at St. Luke's Hospital school of Nursing in 1956 where she met and later wed Bulent Tasman, the father of her four sons, Bulent (Bill), Eric, Alan and Jeffrey. For a time she worked as a staff nurse at the VA Center in Reno, NV. After spending five years in Turkey, (Istanbul and Izmir) Dorothy and sons returned to Mansfield, Ohio where Dorothy obtained a position as a Registered Nurse at Mansfield General Hospital. Dorothy worked her way up to head nurse of 2-North and then to the position of Director of Nurses of Obstetrics. In 1989 Dorothy graduated with a BSN degree magna cum laude from Ashland University. She retired after almost thirty-five years with Mansfield General Hospital.

Dorothy was a fun loving, caring individual, who found much joy in life while liberally sharing that love and joy with her many co-workers, friends and family. She was generous to all and had a quick wit...bawdy at times but hey, she was a nurse. She loved the arts. She loved painting and her home was adorned with the many pieces she had created over the years. She loved and shared all kinds of music and it was a thrill to hear her play the accordion, an instrument she excelled in. She was an excellent cook; having mastered Mediterranean cuisine while in Turkey. Her four boys were always well fed. Anyone who was blessed to receive her marzipan creations or baklava over the years was blessed indeed.

Dorothy loved having family get-togethers and made time to regularly have brunch and tea-parties at her home with family and friends.

Dorothy mostly excelled as a mother. She was always supportive and encouraging of her four boys and made it a point to attend their many sporting events, choir concerts, recitals and school events. Dorothy was a very loving Mom who used to say you're never too old to sit on your mom's lap while also joking you're also never too old for me to slap. She loved her many grandchildren and always tried to participate in their events and make them feel special.

As Dorothy continued to fight Alzheimer's, which afflicted the final twelve years of her life, she continued to exhibit the love and joy she had shared with others all her life. She was a strong, loving human being and those who knew her will miss her.

Dorothy is survived by two of her four sons, Eric and Alan and their wives Karen and Judy; her three sisters and their families, Lillian Wilson, Kathy Barth and Penny Foster; and a brother, Edward Jenkins and family. She has been blessed with five grandchildren, Lance, Joshua, Sarah, Erica and Mathew Tasman and a new arrival, Sage Graves, Dorothy's first great-granddaughter. In addition, she is survived by many nieces and nephews, their families and cousins. Dorothy's sons, Bill and Jeff preceded her to the throne of grace and have welcomed her there.

Because Dorothy accepted Jesus the Christ as her personal savior, those of us in Christ will one day be blessed to see her again. What a glorious day that will be.

As a result of Dorothy's wishes a graveside funeral service will be held at a later date. Family and friends will be notified at that time.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ I remember Dorothy, some called her Dot. Our paths crossed, but never our swords.
I worked in Personnel/HR 1968-2009. I liked Dorothy, her personality was one of a kind.
Never a dull moment with her on board. She was special.
RIP dear one!
Bob Cassity

Robert J Cassity - February 01, 2020 at 06:13 PM

PA

“ We were Blessed to know Ms Dorothy for the last couple year's of her life. What a beautiful woman inside and out. She was a nurse even to the people who took care of her. She was so sweet, funny, compassionate and just adorable. We will never forget her and that Huge smile. We will miss you so much.
RIP
Cindy and Patrick Ayotte

Patrick and Cindy Ayotte - January 24, 2020 at 05:08 PM

DH

“ My heart goes out to all who loved Dorothy.
She reached out to me on Facebook, because I went to school with Alan & Eric.
Her posts were very sweet. She sure loved her family ❤️
May Dorothy rest in peace in a God's loving arms. Hugs to Alan, Eric & the rest of her loving family ❤️😭💔💔

Dana Haag - January 24, 2020 at 08:07 AM

CP

“ I went to John Simpson and Mansfield Sr with Alan and Eric and I remember Dorothy used to ask me occasionally if I would like to stay over and she would buy a pizza. Age was very generous and lovable. When you read this Alan, my number is 302-530-3435 and my email is harleytmudcat@comcast.net

Chuck Peters - January 24, 2020 at 07:58 AM

PK

“ Like the old song says, “once you’ve met her you’ll never forget her.” That described Dorothy perfectly. She was smart, funny and irreverent. That is just what a terrified young student nurse, on her first first rotation, needed. Dorothy helped us and protect us.

She started as a mentor and then became a friend. Dorothy, when you get to heaven, would you give Karen Schill a big hug for me? Tell her that I love her, and I miss her.

One day we will be together again .

PSV

pkv - January 23, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JH

“ Loving memories of my dear friend. She taught me how to make Baklava and I taught her how to make marzipan. We had great times. Love to the Tasman family. Judy Hampton

Judy Hampton - January 22, 2020 at 08:22 PM

RN

“ To the Tasman Family,
Dorothy , also called "Tas" had a zest for life. She loved Greek men and life in general. Dorothy had some risky adventures to save her family. Linda loved to listen to her many antics. Linda had so much fun working with her at Mansfield General. Please accept our sympathies and prayers for your loss.
The Ron nelson Family



Ron and Linda (McNew) Nelson - January 22, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BC

I remember working with Dorothy ao Mansfield General, 3-11 shift. She kept us awake!
Rest in Heaven, Dorothy.

Beverly Cline - January 24, 2020 at 07:01 PM