



Dorothy Pearl Starkey

July 20, 1941 - May 17, 2022

Dorothy Pearl Starkey

Dorothy, age 80, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2022. She was a resident of Loranger, LA. who lived in Albany, LA for over 30 years. Dorothy started working at the tender age of 15, by waiting tables at Middendorf's Restaurant. For years she was their premier waitress who patrons asked for by name. Later in life she worked as a caregiver in the Medical field, putting her whole heart into caring for each and every one of her patients. Dorothy was an avid reader and loved gardening. She was always in her yard tending to her beautiful flowers. Dorothy was a people person; she never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with just about anyone. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and great-grandmother that will forever be missed.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Tecla Schillage and husband Sal, Cyndi Albanese and husband Dale Cowell; sons, John Albanese and wife Phyllis, Louis Albanese and wife Veronica; sister, Margret Leblanc and husband David; grandchildren, Heather Folse and husband Kevin, Sal Schillage Jr. and wife Maranda, Sylvia Puckett and husband AL, Alexandria Roberts and husband Jordan, Lauren Albanese and Hunter Cowell; she also has seven great-grandchildren. Ben, Eli and Archer Folse, Aria Schillage, Abbie and Riley Puckett and Charley Beth Roberts. Special niece and nephews, Darlene and Al Aymond and Todd Rainey; numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her father, Jacob “Jake” Starky; mother, Idee and step-father Buster Gulotta; sister and brother-in-law, Glenda and Craig Smyser; sister, Elaine Raniey; niece, Vickey Lambert; nephew Sam Buster Cooper; and a set of infant twins.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401, on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery with reception to follow at the American Legion Hall in Loranger.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

50113 Antioch Rd
Tickfaw, LA 70466

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Funeral Service

MAY 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Pearl Starkey*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - May 22, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *Dorothy will be sorely missed. She was one of my favorite first cousins, always cheerful and would help anyone in need. Our condolences to her family and to Jake Starkey, Jr.*



*"Jacob" Jake Kinchen
Louis McLin*

"Jacob" Jake Kinchen - May 24, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pearl Starkey.*



May 23, 2022 at 12:03 PM

RS

“ I wanted to say a few words from a niece's perspective about my Aunt Dot. Growing up we would make trips down to Louisiana to see family and I always looked forward to seeing my Aunt Dot. She was such a beautiful lady and I always remember her wearing black eyeliner and drawing a beauty spot on her cheek because that was in fashion at the time. She always had a mischievous look and a twinkle in her beautiful brown eyes and to me she was like a big kid and I loved being around her. We would often stop in at the restaurant she worked at Middendorfs just to see her.

One of the things that really stands out about my Aunt Dot was her ability to weave tales. Sometimes the stories were hard to believe but trust me they were always entertaining. She liked to read on every subject from Science, she read books about Tesla, to astrology, aliens and everything in between. I think some of her stories were coming from multiple sources. Tales of aliens in vaults, voodoo spells just to name a few. So you can see why it always made for interesting conversations. She swore to the end that my dad had told her about aliens being held in vaults under the Air Force Base in New York where I was born. My dad would not confirm this but if you know Aunt Dot she is like a dog with a bone and will tell you how something is and not back down.

Aunt Dot also had a way with words and often times her own pronunciations. My mom and I would get so tickled about some of them. Chameleon was pronounced "chim a lynn", Chuck E Cheese was "Chunk n Cheese" and sister was "sista" there were many more but these were some of my favs.

If you knew Aunt Dot you knew she was often on the hunt for the next treasure at garage sales and flea markets She was sure that she was going to find something one day that would make her rich. She always loved to show you her finds when you came to visit and I often went with her to thrift stores and antique shops.

The one thing that always stood out about Aunt Dot was her big heart. She was always doing things for others. When she stopped waitressing my mom being a nurse herself encouraged her to be a nurse's aide. Well Aunt Dot got her license and did just that. First she worked in a nursing home and then she sat with and took care

of people in hospice. She had such a heart for it and was just the right person for the job. My mom always admired her this. Even when I didn't see Aunt Dot I was kept up to date by my mom as they had their daily chats on the phone. Aunt Dot and my mom were so close in their last years. After my mom retired she was able to come down to Louisiana and visit with family and connect with her sista and flew Aunt Dot out to spend time here in California. My Aunt Dot was afraid of flying but that just showed me her dedication to her sister to finally get the courage to fly. It was fun seeing them together. They were never at a loss for words with each other. Made me think about how I wished I had a sista.

At the end of my mom's life Aunt Dot was there at her side sharing sister stories and going through pics and Hammond High Yearbooks. It was such a blessing for my mom and my family to have her there. She spent well over a month doing what she does best taking care of others. She was there for me too after my mom died calling and checking up on me even though she was grieving too. It made me sad at the end to see photos of my Aunt Dot and I could tell the twinkle had gone out of her eyes and I knew the stories were silent.

On the day she died I felt my mom's presence around me and smelled her perfume, perhaps she was letting me know her sista Dot was with her. I will always love and cherish my memories of my Aunt Dot.

*Love,
Robyn*



Robyn Smyser - May 23, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pearl Starkey.*



May 23, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Tecla,
I'm was sorry to read about the loss of your mother... Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the days to come... Debbie Stewart*

Debra Stewart - May 19, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pearl Starkey.*



May 19, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pearl Starkey.*



May 19, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pearl Starkey.



May 19, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon and Eloise Anderson - May 18, 2022 at 06:32 PM



I'm writing this for my mother, Theresa Pourciau. Wanting to say I'm so sorry for the lost of your mom, Dorothy. We made a lot of garage sales. We had a lot of laughter of where we going and what we looking to buy. She will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers will be with her family. If ever needed anything I will be there, Love u all, Theresa Pourciau

Jeanette Randall - May 19, 2022 at 08:40 AM

PA

To my dear sweet mother-in-law,

You were the truest dearest mother-in-law I could ever have asked for. I am truly going to miss your love, strength and smile.

You are now amongst the angels. Flying high above the sky. You earned those wings dear Pearl. God blessed me with the best mother-in-law in the world.

Thank you for your dear sweet love.

Rest In Peace.

With all my love, Phyllis

Phyllis Albanese - May 23, 2022 at 10:19 AM