



Dorothy "Dot" M Couch

January 23, 1932 - May 20, 2022

OBITUARY FOR DOROTHY "DOT" MORTON COUCH

On January 23, 1932, Dorothy Ann Morton was born to Bowlin and Frances Morton in Manchester Tennessee. There she grew up enjoying the company of her sister, cousins, and friends. She attended the Manchester City School for the first half of the year. The family would winter in Mt. Dora, Florida where she completed the school year. In high school, Dot was active in the band playing saxophone and serving as a majorette. Some of her happiest times were spent playing basketball as a guard with the Manchester Lady Raiders. She was named to the All District team. The most exciting time during high school happened when her brother, George "G.B." Bowlin Morton, Jr. was born.

Dot attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri where she earned an associate's degree. After graduation she returned to Tennessee. She lived in Nashville where she modeled and worked for Rule Construction Company. When Rule got the contract to build Arnold Center, her office was located at William Northern Field. It was during this period that she met her eventual life partner, Bob Couch, son of Laughlin and Anabel Couch. They were married on June 15, 1953. While remaining loyal to her Manchester roots, she quickly embraced married life. She joined First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, was active in the Rebecca Thompson Circle, and served as Deacon. To get better acquainted with the women of Tullahoma, she was a member of the Tullahoma Junior

Woman's Club and later the Tullahoma Woman's Club. Bob was active in the American Legion and she joined the American Legion Auxiliary. Bob was known for his love of the Tullahoma Rotary Club, and he made Dot a Paul Harris Fellow. They attended conventions associated with all these organizations and had many wonderful times.

Daughters Fran and Candy joined the family. Dot stayed at home during their earliest years. When they were both in school, she went to work for ARO, Inc. at Arnold Center. She worked in personnel and composing. In 1967, Bob's father died unexpectedly. Dot joined Bob in the family business, Couch's, and they worked side by side until Bob's health failed in 2012. They celebrated over 61 years of marriage. During that time, they were honored to be the Grand Marshals of the Tullahoma Christmas Parade and to be featured on the Nashville Public Television show, "Tennessee Crossroads." In 1994, Dot was recognized as Outstanding Civic Woman by the Tullahoma Business and Professional Woman's Club. They enjoyed supporting the Historical Society of Tullahoma, the Bedford County Historical Society, the Coffee County Historical Society, the Tullahoma Camera Club, the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center, South Jackson Civic Center, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Hospice of the Highland Rim, Tullahoma High School, its music, theater, and athletic programs, and the Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, they loved welcoming people to Tullahoma whether they were tourists or new residents.

While they valued these organizations and related activities, the family was always their priority. They were great role models in showing devotion to their parents and aging relatives. They always supported their daughters, son-in-law, and grandson in their life journeys.

Dot was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bob Couch; his parents, Laughlin and Anabel Couch; her parents, Bowlin and Frances Morton; sister-in-law, Searcy Couch Hopkins; brothers-in-law, G. C. King, Diemer L. Smartt, Thomas A.A. Hopkins; niece, Searcy Dianne King. She is survived by her

daughters, Candy Couch and Fran Couch Gray; son-in-law, Jon Gray; grandson and wife, Jacob and Cindy Gray; sister, Martha Morton Smartt; brother and sister-in-law, G. B. and Ellen Morton; brother-and sister-in-law, Tom and Dot Couch Watson; nieces and spouses, Kenny and Nancy King Phillips; Bill and Marilyn Hopkins Phillips; Leo and Teresa Smartt Barrett; Dave and Mary Beth Gass; Matt and Andrea Morton Crompton; nieces, Kathryn Hopkins, Anabel Watson Hobbs; nephews and spouses, George and Tammy Smartt; Keith and Marlene Smartt; 27 great nephews and nieces; and special friend, Blanche McClure.

The family will receive guests on Wednesday from 5 PM until 8 PM in the chapel of Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home, 401 North Jackson Street, Tullahoma. The funeral service will be held at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), corner of Jackson and Grundy Streets at 6 PM on Thursday with interment to follow at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

If desired, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Tennessee, P.O. Box 1373, Tullahoma, TN 37388; First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), P.O. Box 606, Tullahoma, TN 37388; or a charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Memorial Gardens

4758 New Manchester Highway
Tullahoma, TN 37388
<http://www.rosehillmemorialgardens.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3481

Funeral Service

MAY 26. 6:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Tullahoma
120 West Grundy Street
Tullahoma,, TN 37388

Burial

MAY 26 (CT)

Rose Hill Memorial Gardens
4758 New Manchester Highway
Tullahoma, TN 37388
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Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy "Dot" M Couch

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ Candy, Just now learned of your Mother's passing. She was such a beautiful lady. I am so sorry for your loss, my sweet student from long ago. You are in my prayers.

Carolyn Leonetti

Carolyn Leonetti - June 04, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ Candy, Fran so sorry for your loss she was a precious lady prayers for you all God bless



Barbara Stewart - May 27, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ Fran, Candy, and family. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your sweet mother. I never saw her without a smile on her face.

Marie Reynolds

Marie Reynolds - May 26, 2022 at 04:38 PM

SW

“ *Candy and Fran y'all are in my thoughts and prayers it was an honor to get to take care of Mrs Fran when she was at morning pointe she will be missed. Love y'all both Sam*

Samantha winton - May 26, 2022 at 10:24 AM

TP

Candy and Fran, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Did not know of her passing until a few minutes ago. Your mom was a kind and sweet lady with a smile always on her face. Candy, you are in my heart, and prayers. You mom is in a wonderful place now. My heart goes out to you. It's always tough losing you last parent. My thoughts are with you and the entire family. With love Terry Pockrus.

Terry Pockrus - May 26, 2022 at 06:43 PM

WC

“ *Dear Fran and Candy, I am so sorry for your loss! My sympathy, love and prayers go out to all the family! You know I wish I could be there but at this time I just am not able too! Thinking about you and sending my love! I loved your sweet Mom! May God give you comfort and peace!*
Wilma Carter

Wilma Carter - May 25, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Dear Candy and Fran*
During your time of sorrow, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I was so blessed and honored to know your mom. She was truly a wonderful lady. I will miss her big bright smile and the joy she always expressed each time I saw her. I share a birthday with her mother, which always brought back special memories for her to share. May you be comforted by your memories of her. Let angels rejoice at her homecoming!
Pam Spencer

Pamela Spencer - May 25, 2022 at 12:28 PM

SH

“ May God give you comfort at this time of sorrow.

Shirley Hale - May 24, 2022 at 10:16 PM

SF

“ Dot Couch will be fondly remembered by our family. She was such a lovely & sweet lady. Our deepest sympathy to her family & friends. Love & prayers from Suzanne & Stuart Fulkerson & Rosalie Moore.

Suzanne Fulkerson - May 24, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" M Couch.



May 24, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" M Couch.



May 24, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" M Couch.*



May 24, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *I had the privilege of getting to know Miss Dot and Bob shortly after moving to Tullahoma 21 years ago. What a classy lady and great family. Her godly legacy and contribution to Tullahoma will be long lasting. - Greg Sandlin*

Greg Sandlin - May 24, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *She was so involved with her children at school. I can remember she and Bob being at every event. It was a pleasure to see her out as she never forgot your name. Heaven will be a nicer and better place.*

Bil Lee - May 24, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" M Couch.*



May 24, 2022 at 08:46 AM

YH

“ *Your Friends, the Jack Daniel Homeplace purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy "Dot" M Couch.*



Your Friends, the Jack Daniel Homeplace - May 23, 2022 at
05:05 PM