



Dorothy May Drake

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Dorothy May Drake born on May 4, 1943 to Joseph and Eleanor Spalik, passed away on July 4, 2017 at the age of 74. Dorothy married Albert C. Drake, Sr. on December 24, 1964. They were married for 37 years. They had 3 daughters, Dawn Michelle Somers, married to Michael Leland Somers (deceased), Lynn Ellen Geiter and Jo-Ann Larkin married to Mike Larkin who was more son than son in-law.

Dorothy was blessed with grandchildren, Victoria Marie Stafford, Timothy Joseph Somers, Katherine Bridget Somers, William Michael Somers, Ryan Francis Geiter, Sebastian Reid Geiter and Kimberly Ann Geiter. She was further blessed with great grandchildren.

Dorothy attended Kean College and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She taught school before becoming a mother and returned to teaching in 1976 and retired in 2008. A teacher never truly retires and she continued to teach in the role she played in the lives of those she held dear.

Dorothy was a member of the congregation of the Palm Lake Christian Church in Saint Petersburg, Florida. She had a strong faith in God and found comfort in his word and the fellowship of the church.

Through the years Dorothy influenced the lives of many and loved with her whole heart unconditionally. She had a passion for music, reading and creating works of love for her family and friends through knitting, crocheting and needle work. She often donated such works to the patients at surrounding hospitals.

Dorothy May Drake, daughter, teacher, friend, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Rest in Peace Mom and know that your physical presence in our lives will be missed but we will always carry you with us in our hearts.



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, July 15, 2017

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Funeral Service

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 11:00 AM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Lynn Geiter lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

Its been almost 5 years mom and losing you still hurts so much. There is so much I wanted and needed to say and to know and now its too late. I hope that I will get the chance someday soon. Until then, I love and miss you so much mom.



May 30 at 7:54 AM



Kathleen Schratz posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady and I was blessed to have her in my life. I will miss her. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers! Kat

July 11 at 3:44 AM



Brenda posted:

I was only involved in Dee's life for a small time. She was a beautiful child of God and will be missed dearly. During our conversations, she conveyed to me how proud she was of ALL of her family and how she was so blessed to have special times with her grandchildren. She was aware that even though there were difficult times, she was honored that God had allowed her to continue on to be an example to others thru her selfless time with others and making small things that would brighten someone's day. She loved the time she spent at the Effingham senior center and realized and was grateful that it could have been her in that condition. She said her teaching was the ultimate act of service to God and she knew she had blessed the lives of others. Now she gets to be an angel to continue to watch over her family, friends and others. I'll never forget you Dee. You made a real impact on the way I think about things. When you get a moment, tell God I love him. Give him a big hug for me. See you one day...God's Will.Love Brenda

July 11 at 3:30 AM



Lynn Geiter May 30 at 7:49 AM

Mom was very blessed to have you and everyone at the Effingham Senior Center. I wish I had been able to meet you all. 5 years have passed but the pain remains the same. ❤️😭



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dorothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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