



Dorothy C. Donahoe

March 23, 1930 - August 1, 2017

Dorothy C. Donahoe passed peacefully at her home from cancer on the afternoon of August 1, 2017 at age 87. She was a long-time resident of Metairie. Dot was the beloved wife of the late James F. Donahoe.

Dot is survived by her three children Terence M. Donahoe (Donna), Kevin P. Donahoe (Katherine), and Erin D. Druhan (Bob); six grandchildren Michael Donahoe (Jamie), James Donahoe (Jessica), Daniel Donahoe (Melissa), Kathryn Donahoe, Kelly Schleismann (Eric), and Timothy Druhan (Nicole); and, 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Ruth C. Pitre (Val), niece Patrice Barattini, first cousins C.J. Polito (Marilyn) and Catherine Polito, and sister-in-law Dolores Donahoe (late John), as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She had many special persons throughout her life especially Jim Garvey who she considered as another son and who she loved dearly.

She was the oldest daughter of the late Sarah C. Chavannes and Ernest Chavannes; sister of the late Marilyn C. Barattini (late Bill) and Carol C. Horn (late Charles); and, aunt of the late Wayne J. Pitre.

Dot is survived by several childhood friends who her children considered as aunts and uncles, including Flo Blouin, Mary Callac, the late Miriam Crain, Mary Lou Thompson and the late Robert Thompson, as well as all of their children who are considered as cousins. Dot met many persons during her life, including the Garvey's, the Wolfes, the Virgadamos, the Hondzinskis, the Federicos, the Heinszs, and many others. The Donahoe family would like to

thank Dr. Ken Smith, Dr. Donald Adams, and other physicians and staff at East Jefferson General Hospital for their kindness and service to Dot. The Donahoe family wishes to extend a special gratitude to the staff of Notre Dame Hospice and Chateau de Notre Dame for their care of Dot, including Nick, Christina, Deborah, Sr. Paula, Ann-Marie, Ella, and Doris. A special thank you to Dot's long-time physical therapist from Southern Flex – Pricilla. Dot and husband, Jim, devoted their lives to their three children ensuring they obtained the finest educations. Later, Dot and Jim doted over their six grandchildren. Dot attended Mc Main High School and Louisiana State University (LSU). Dot loved growing orchids, ferns, bromeliads and any other plants which caught her eye and grew the plants in the large greenhouse built by Jim which was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Dot battled breast, lung, adrenal, and thyroid cancer with Jim having lost his life to lung cancer. Dot participated in many spring and fall garden shows at the City Park Botanical Gardens, as well as in countless Susan G. Komen, American Cancer Society, and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society events, for the past 23 years promoting the Four-o'clock Flowers Around the World Cancer Memorial in honor of Jim which will now honor Dot's battle with cancer, too. Dot loved to cook and used the Holy Trinity of Cajun cooking (onion, celery, green bell pepper) in most of her meals. She could cook a kick-butt chicken and sausage jambalaya.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Monday, August 7, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:00 p.m. Interment in St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1

5000 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
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Visitation

AUG 8. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy C. Donahoe*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Dear Kevin and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time; please take solace in happy memories and the fact your Mother appreciated the dedicated care you provided.
With condolence,
Brian Halladay*

Brian Halladay - August 07, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy C. Donahoe.*



August 07, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *I didn't know Ms. Donahoe very well, but I know she had to be a very caring and special person to raise a son like Kevin who was totally devoted to her and cared for her during her long illness. To the entire Donahoe family, I offer my sincere and deepest sympathies. Albert Robichaux, Executive Director, the Jefferson Council on Aging, Inc.*

Albert Robichaux - August 07, 2017 at 10:46 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to The Donahoe Family. I have fond memories of Mrs. Dot and Kevin at many local National Cancer Survivors Day celebrations.
Debbie Schmitz

Debbie Schmitz - August 07, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy C. Donahoe.



August 05, 2017 at 08:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy C. Donahoe.



August 05, 2017 at 05:30 PM

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“ Aunt Dot was one of my mom's closest friends. I treasured going to the Donahoe house and spending time with my cousins. I have so many great memories and am forever grateful for having her, Uncle Jamie, Terry, Erin, and Kevin as part of the family.

Al Crain - August 04, 2017 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Kevin, Terry and Erin,
We are very sorry for the loss of your mother Dot. She was a very kind and sweet lady.
I know she will be missed dearly but now she can rest in peace and visit with your father.
We will keep your family in our prayers at this most difficult time.*

*Your friends,
Jay & Vicki Occhipinti*

Jay Occhipinti - August 04, 2017 at 04:50 PM