



Dorothy Millicent Tullos

November 22, 1923 - May 28, 2022

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Dorothy Millicent Hill Tullos passed away at the age of 98 on May 28, 2022 in Lakeway, TX. She was born

November 22, 1923 in San Antonio, TX, the 20th and last child of William & Emma Hill. Fourteen of the Hill siblings

lived to adulthood and Dorothy was surrounded by a large and loving family her entire life. Her early years were

overshadowed by both the Great Depression and World War II, but her family was more fortunate than many and

all of her brothers returned from the war. When she graduated from Breckenridge High School she went to work

for San Antonio Drug Company as a secretary.

In the summer of 1945, she met Donald A. Tullos and they married on January 12, 1946. After living in Austin,

(where their son Donald H. was born) and Galveston (where their daughter Donna was born), the couple moved to

Corpus Christi in 1954. Dorothy remained in Corpus Christi until January of this year when she moved to be closer

to her daughter for end-of-life care. The family spent most weekends either at their fishing shack on the

Intracoastal Canal or a south Texas hunting lease with the Biles family.

Dorothy was a stay-at-home mom until

around 1965 when she went to work for the Medical Center Pharmacy. She continued to work there until her husband Don had a heart attack in 1970 and she quit to stay home with him. Don had another heart attack in 1972 that took his life and Dorothy never remarried. Around 1977, she went to work for Del Mar College where she became the secretary to the English Department. She retired at the age of 71, having outlasted 5 department heads. She was an old-fashioned secretary who knew not only the professors' names, but their spouses, kids, cats and dogs.

Dorothy was a long-time member of St. Johns United Methodist Church, where she was active with the United Methodist Women, served on various committees, sold more pies than any of the men for the United Methodist Men's annual fundraiser and decorated for any luncheon or gathering at the church for many, many years. When she was in her 80's she could often be found driving around delivering food to the homebound members of her church. She was honored by the United Methodist Women of Corpus Christi as the woman of the year in 2018.

After selling the family home in the 1980s, Dorothy lived at Greenbriar Apartments where she was surrounded by friends whom she met for coffee most mornings. In 2017, she moved to Brookdale Corpus Christi, where she stayed until her move to Austin. Many thanks to the staff at Brookdale Corpus Christi for loving her and seeing her through the Covid Lockdown. The last 8 months of her life, she endured health issues that people 30 years younger would not have survived. She lived at Brookdale Lakeway Skilled Nursing Facility for the last 4 months of her life

and endeared herself to many of the wonderful staff there. Thanks to both the Brookdale Lakeway staff and the Brookdale Hospice staff who cared for her with such compassion and love. Dorothy is survived by her son, Don Tullos (Pat) and her daughter Donna Wesling (Steve) as well as her grandchildren David (Stacy), Aaron, and Sean (Amy)Tullos, Kirsten Holliday (Robert Mannering) and Holly (Jeremy) Myers. She was the proud great grandmother to Madison, Morgan, Seth, Haley, and Ethan Tullos. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly and her very good friends Karen Van Kirk and Debi Francis. These two ladies took Dorothy to many doctor's appointments, took food when she was sick, went grocery shopping for her when she no longer could, watered and cared for her plants and took her to hair appointments (the most important thing to Dorothy!). The Francis/Glover families took her into their fold as one of their own and she passed many a happy time at Debi and Bruce's home watching sports and yelling at the TV with Bruce. There are no words to adequately express our thanks to these friends and all the good people of St. John's who loved her and stayed in touch with her even when she moved to Lakeway. She died peacefully with Donna holding her hand. It was the first time in 121 years that there was not a Hill sibling alive on this earth. The family will hold a memorial service in Corpus Christi at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. John's United Methodist Church, 5300 S. Alameda, Corpus Christi, TX 78412 in Dorothy's memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Millicent Tullos*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Dorothy Millicent Tullos*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Dorothy Millicent Tullos*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Dorothy acted as a sort of surrogate mother to me when I began teaching in the Del Mar College English Dept. in 1981 -- gently pointing out that I'd forgotten to put on a slip, helping me decipher the S.P.I.D. acronym in directions I'd been given to a store, etc. As I grew up as a teacher, she provided invaluable assistance in professional ways as well. Once she retired, I made it a point to come to St. John's Christmas bazaars so I could chat with Dorothy. She was a special woman and will be missed.*

Barb Craig

Barbara Craig-Schniepp - June 28, 2022 at 12:20 PM

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“ Gaylord and I taught at Del Mar College for many years and knew Dorothy as the secretary in the English Department, who kept everyone in order and ran the department very efficiently. We also knew her as long-time members of St. John's UMC, where she was such a dedicated member serving in many capacities. What a lovely, caring, and very much loved lady she was! She will be greatly missed by many! May God give her family peace and comfort as they mourn her loss. Gaylord & Sue Hoyt

Sue Hoyt - June 05, 2022 at 11:18 PM

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“ Wish I could find the right words to express my thoughts. Mrs. Tullos was very special to so many people. Our whole family grew to love her and so enjoyed her when we had our family get togethers. Bruce and I have many memories of watching golf tournaments, the Spurs, and football games on television. She and Donna have been a part of my life for over 50 years. I know each of you have wonderful memories that will bring sweet thoughts and smiles to your face. Our sincere condolences to everyone. You are in our prayers. We miss her.

Love,
Debi and Bruce

Debi Francis - June 04, 2022 at 04:07 PM