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Dorothy Stemick Marvel Carrel West was born to Laura Mae Mann and Benjamin Stemick on August 29th, 1923 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She lived a very full life, caring for everyone who came in her path. She loved the Lord, and raised her children that way. Her first husband, James Marvel, died in WW2 and with him she had two children, Michael Marvel(Pam) and Diana Balasky. She then married John Carrel, who passed away in 1981, and they had one daughter Lois Ann Kinney(Wayne), and two step children, Kathleen Patterson and John Michael Carrel(Nancy). In 1985, she married Dr. Earl West who passed away in 2011 and her step children, Bob West(Helen), and Dr. Timothy West(Marcia). She leaves behind 16 Grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Dorothy lived most of her life in Indianapolis, but spent the last 20plus years in Memphis, Tennessee with her late husband Earl. She attended Tech high school, roller skated with the gang at Riverside, and attended Franklin Road Church of Christ until moving to Tennessee where she attended White Station Church of Christ. She had a preschool that she taught while in Indianapolis, SugarnSpice Nursery School. In her earlier years, she was a cook at Woodview Junior Highschool. Dottie grew up cleaning houses with her mother, Laura. She and her brother, "Bernie", worked hard for their "allowances." She loved children and the elderly. She loved to have fun. She will be missed. The family would like to thank the staff at Kirby Pines, Linda and the staff at Senior Helpers, Heather and all the people at Crossroads Hospice, and Dottie's longtime family friend , Madonna Langford, for all of their care and support. A memorial is being held at White Station Church of Christ,Memphis, Tennessee on Saturday, September 20th at 10 a.m. with viewing one hour prior to the service. A private graveside service will follow in Indianapolis with time to be determined at Washington Park East. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Franklin Road Church of Christ, 950 N Franklin Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46219 or to Campus Crusade for Christ, 100 Lake Hart



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Drive, Orlando, FL 32832. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



Tribute Wall

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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy West.

September 19 at 3:54 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy West.

September 18 at 11:19 AM

LW

Linda Wesolowski posted:

I have nothing but great memories as a young girl going to the Carrels along with the Southern for Friday evening get-togethers, and Dorothy as the gracious hostess with her beautiful smile and laugh. It amazes me now to think of the difficulties she endured as a young widow with two children and yet retained her joyous spirit and faithfulness in God. She is a great role model, and what joy to know that someday we can all resume those great "party times" with her and the gang from Franklin Road!

September 18 at 10:40 AM

CH

Carla Hampton posted:

Such a wonderful Christian woman, so easy to love. When she decided to stop cleaning the Franklin Road Church of Christ, she trained me to do it. I will never forget her words which completely changed my attitude toward the job; she said, "I always think of it as cleaning house for the Lord." "People can be messy at church, just as much as they are in their homes but if you think of it as cleaning for the Lord it's much easier." A funny memory....I went to Franklin Road Church of Christ from 1967- 1988. I married my husband, Mike in 1974. Dottie frequently called him "Steve." Finally, one day Mike looked at her and jokingly said, "Oh that's okay, Gladys!" She cracked up laughing! Dottie leaves behind a wonderful legacy of love and kindness.

September 17 at 12:23 PM



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Cynthia Sabens posted:

Sweet Aunt Dottie, it was always exciting to know that we were going to your home when I was a young girl. You and your home was always warm, friendly, and filled with love. Also, I would get to see my dear cousin Lois Ann. What great memories playing together as children. We also shared your brother who was my Dad whom we loved very much. So comforting to know that for all eternity you will be in heaven welcoming us to the eternal home of love. Tears of Joy I share with all the Family at this time of Dottie's passing into Glory. Niece Cindy (Stemick) Sabens(Donald)

September 17 at 9:15 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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