



Dorothy Grace Mulhall

January 12, 1932 - July 29, 2017

Dorothy Grace Gemma Mulhall was born on January 12, 1932 in Providence, RI to Philomema (Boschetti) and Rocco Gemma. As the youngest of eight children, Dorothy grew up in a tight-knit Italian Catholic family where God, family, and hard work were strongly instilled.

On a fateful evening with her best friend at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet dancehall, she caught the eye of her future husband, William. Little did she know of the journey on which this meeting would take her: 63 years of marriage, 7 children, 9 grandchildren, 3 states lived in, and numerous countries travelled.

Dorothy's children were her pride and joy. When she wasn't in the kitchen preparing the absolute best home-cooked meals imaginable for her family (Throughout the years, many have attempted to duplicate her unforgettable meatballs, but, no one could ever come close), Dorothy had a passion for helping others and making anyone who walked in her front door feel like a part of the family. She would not let anyone leave her home without providing them with a full belly, making sure they were wearing a warm enough coat and enough gas in their car to get to their destination or even enough toilet paper in their home. Dorothy was a true humanitarian. She would give the shirt off of her back to those in need. If she had it, it was yours.

Never being one who was happy having idle hands, Dorothy was always finding ways to stay active outside the home. In spite of her genetic neurological disorder, Charcot Marie Tooth (aka CMT), Dorothy was constantly involved with church organizations/groups/functions such as the Women's Counsel, Family Ministries, Italian Catholic Federation, Pro Sanctity, and confirmation preparations. She often took on random jobs to keep her occupied such as a bank teller, a foot reflexologist, a telemarketer, a receptionist for the Diocese of Orange, and even a switchboard operator at Disneyland hotel where she would love to tell the stories of the interesting conversations she would overhear. But no other job was more important to her than being a devout matriarch to her family.

Music was a great love of Dorothy's, which she passed along to her children. From Classical, to Country, to the crooners (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond, Andrea Bocelli, and Il Divo, to name a few), she could often be caught singing, dancing or playing the piano to her favorite tunes.

She loved traveling. Her favorite destination was Las Vegas. Once you got her around the slot machines, it could be hours until you'd see her again. She always knew that the next pull of the handle was going to be the big jackpot. That positive and hopeful attitude she had in the casinos was the same outlook that she had in her approached to life.

Dorothy loved to have fun and had the best laugh. She would find humor in just about anything. She oozed personality and charm making friends with anyone and everyone who crossed her path. (Although, she could spot a phony from a mile away.) She had a great talent of smooth taking anyone into anything. Her family joked that she could sell ice cubes to an Eskimo.

Her unconditional love and selflessness will be greatly missed. Her family takes great comfort in knowing that her legacy will live on through those lives that she touched during her 85 years. She was an angel here on earth that has now found a place amongst her own in Heaven.

She is survived by her husband William J. Mulhall, Jr.; her children William III, Patrick, Michael, Linda and Jennifer; her daughters-in-law, Vonnie, Terry, and Ginger; and 9 grandchildren. Her death was preceded by her sons Baby Boy and Eric, her parents, as well as her four brothers and three sisters.

Service information:

When: Wednesday, August 9

Where: Saint Martha's Catholic Church, 37200 Whitewood Road, Murrieta, CA 92563

Time: 11:00

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dorothy's favorite charities:

Charcot Marie Tooth Association – <https://www.cmtausa.org>

Or

Cemetery

Riverside National Cemetery

22495 VanBuren Blvd

Riverside, CA, 92518

Comments



“ I remember Dorothy from St. Polycarp. We worked a lot of Fiestas together. May she rest in peace with our Lord. Bernadette McMillan(Melodia)

Bernadette Mc Millan - August 10, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ My beloved Aunt Gracie with whom we always looked forward to watching The Wizard of Oz with our cousins at Thanksgiving. We will miss you. God grant you eternal rest.

Jim Hogan - August 06, 2017 at 08:51 PM



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Michael Mulhall - August 05, 2017 at 08:29 PM



“ Auntie Gracie was always my mother's glamorous younger sister to me. I remember watching her do my sister Linda's nails once in Grandma Gemma's basement apartment on Ives Road, and I was a little jealous but enjoyed thinking that I could be like her when I grew up. Gracie had such grace, and I loved her.
Niece Elaine Boissevain

Elaine M Boissevain - August 05, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our Mulhall cousins and with Uncle Bill. We were so blessed to have visited with Auntie Gracie and Uncle Bill and all of you last year. Now, she is your guardian angel; but then again, she always was... Hugs and love, Steve and Donna G.

Donna - August 04, 2017 at 07:02 PM



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Sunset Funeral Care - August 02, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ So beautiful then and always.

Cousin Nicole - August 05, 2017 at 12:37 AM



“ Beautiful Lady inside and out.
Our prayers are with the whole family.
Friends - Carol & Don Juge

Carol & Don Juge - August 08, 2017 at 05:37 PM