



Dorothy "Dot" Wolford Rice

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Dorothy 'Dot' M. Wolford Rice, 92, of Decatur passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2012 in Hickory Point Christian Village with her family by her side.

Dorothy was born May 3, 1920 in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of James Hobson and Ida Mae (Robinson) Harper. She was a charter member of Holy Family Catholic Church, a long time volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital, and a sorority member of Beta Sigma Phi. She married Charles Ross Wolford. He preceded her in death in 1966. She later married Frank Rice. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Dorothy leaves behind her son, Fr. Don Wolford of Shelbyville, IL; daughter, Marianne Surprenant and husband Paul of Kankakee, IL; step-daughters, Linda McLargin of Florida; Marcia Nuciforo of Wisconsin; Nancy Rice of Michigan; brothers, Robert Harper of Yountville, CA; Bill Harper of San Mateo, CA; 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, three sons, John Patrick Michael Wolford, Charles Ross Wolford Jr., and Robert N. Wolford, one brother, Frank Harper, and one sister, Mary Ann McDermott.

Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 am Monday, July 16, 2012 in Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Don Wolford and Rev. Joe Molloy Concelebrating. Visitation will be 4-7 pm Sunday in the church with a Vigil Prayer Service at 3:30 pm. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Decatur. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Catholic Church or Hickory Point Christian Village.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Rademacher, Dr. Raycraft, the staff at Hickory Point Christian Village, and the staff of Harbor Lights Hospice for all their care for Dot.

The family of Dorothy 'Dot' M. Wolford Rice is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur, IL. Please view



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the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at
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CS

Cheryl Vemmer Somers posted:

Dear Don:After bumping into you at Panera's, I tried to remember to watch for news of your mom but got distracted living out of town and then being out in the truck. Just now got on-line and saw her obituary. I send my deepest sympathy as I know you will miss her deeply. In my thoughts and prayers.

August 9 at 11:20 AM

MR

Maryann Wiessing Reed posted:

Dear Marianne and Don -I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I have fond memories of many dinners at your house as a grade schooler. Mom said it was a lovely service.Thoughts and prayers are with you.Love,Mary Ann

July 17 at 3:12 PM

MD

Michele And Richard Delatte lii posted:

To Reverend Father Don Wolford,his family and friends,Dot was a "real" full of life woman with many wonderful gifts that will be missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. It was a pleasure to have met her.Blessings of peace,Michele and Rick Delatte.

July 16 at 11:35 AM

MH

Michael And Karen Harper posted:

We send our deepest sympathy to Aunt Dot's family and friends. You must be at peace knowing as Marianne put it, "She's gone to heaven."Michael and Karen Harper

July 16 at 10:04 AM

LP

Linda Peters posted:

Thinking of you and your family, wishing you our deepest sympathy at the passing of your mother. We praise God that she is with Him waiting for the rest of us to join her. With love,Leonard Klenzak, Chuck Vaughn, and Mike & Linda Peters

July 16 at 9:56 AM



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LM

Linda Mitchener posted:

Fr. Don and Family,I'm so sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. She was a very sweet lady, and I know she will be missed. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God bless,Linda, Ross, and Shane Mitchener

July 15 at 10:39 AM

PE

Patty Easterling posted:

I would like to express my condolences and sympathy to all the family. I know Dot will be greatly missed by all of you.Much love, Patty

July 15 at 8:29 AM

BG

Bob And Irene Granger posted:

So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother Marianne and Paul. Cherish the memories of love and life you shared with her and know that she is at home with Him painless and at peace. Our sympathies Bob, Irene and RichardGranger

July 14 at 7:39 AM

SB

Sheryle Burch posted:

I heard from Don last week that Dorothy's days were numbered so I just looked online for any news and came across the obituary. Dorothy was a wonderful and loving woman. The world could use a lot more like her. You couldn't help but smile in her presence. Although we haven't legally been sisters-in-law for many years now, I never stopped loving her as family.

July 13 at 2:46 PM

JB

John/Darlene O'brien posted:

We were sorry to read of Dot's death. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep the family in our prayer's. May she rest in peace.

July 13 at 2:35 PM



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Judy Anderson posted:

To all the Wolford and Rice family, My prayers and thoughts are with you. Aunt Dot was a strong, wonderful and faithful servant of the Lord. She will be missed by many. May God hold you in his hands as you walk thru this season of life. Love, Judy

July 13 at 9:41 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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