



Dorothy Richardson

May 20, 1921 - February 24, 2013

Dorothy Richardson, 91, of Fort Collins died February 24, 2013 at a local nursing home. Dorothy was born May 20, 1921 in Brookhaven, Mississippi to George and Sidonia Spence. Dorothy attended schools in Denver, graduating in 1939 from South High School. After graduation she worked for the May D&F Company designing and sewing furs. She married James Underwood, Sr. in December of that same year while he was stationed at Lowery Army Air Corps Base in Denver. Shortly after their marriage they were stationed in Miami Beach, FL and later to Kessler Field in Biloxi, Mississippi where their daughter Terry Anne Zook-Underwood and son James Underwood III were born. Returning to CO in 1957, their marriage dissolved in 1965. Dorothy moved to Fort Collins and eventually met and married Verlyn Richardson in January 1974. Verlyn was the very best thing that ever happened to Dorothy, they were a dedicated couple working and traveling together. After Dorothy retired from Ideal Cement Company and Verlyn from the Water Department for the City of Greeley, they travelled in their motor home throughout Texas, Arizona and California. Dorothy was a member of Church Women United and Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Collins. She was also an award winning member of the Larimer Country Extension Club. Dorothy is survived by her son, James, III and wife, Judith, of Mukilteo, Washington; stepson, Wayne Richardson and wife, Teri of Amarillo, Texas; stepdaughter, Marilyn LaFrenz and husband, Mike of Rockport, Texas. She is also survived by grandson, Todd Zook and wife, Martha of San Antonio, Texas, grandson, Scott

Underwood and wife, Sara; granddaughter, Jennifer Hicks and husband, Jeremiah all of Washington State, and grandson, Richard Richardson and his wife of Colorado, as well as other grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, James, Sr. and very recently by her beloved husband, Verlyn Richardson. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Terry Anne Zook Todd's mother, and her brother, George Spence and wife, Marie; and sister, Gloria. The family would especially like to thank Donna Gammie and her late husband, Jack, of Loveland, CO for their loving care and support of Dorothy. Dorothy was interred at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery alongside Verlyn. A memorial service is planned for family and friends at 10:00 a.m. on May 20, 2013 at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My wife and I spent many holidays with Dottie at the Gammies. We shared alot of laughs with her and her late husband Verlyn. Remembering her in our thoughts and prayers for her family's loss.*
Brad and Linda

Brad Blincoe - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Dotty was a very special lady in Uncle Verlyn's life. Gaylord and Mary Kay Kissell*

Mary Kay Kissell - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Condolences to Dorothy's family. Dorothy and I have been good friends for a number of years in Church Women United. She was such a great Christian lady and such an asset to CWU. She was one of our Valiant Women; she I worked together in making awards to other women. She was a leader in our work in furnishing layettes for women being helped during pregnancy by the Larimer County Health Department. Some of us in CWU are making gifts in memory of Dorothy which will continue the help she gave to that Maternal Services project. Please know how much we loved and admired Dorothy. Betty Moseley*

Mrs. Betty Moseley - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Jim and family, Thank you so much for the call telling me of your Mother's passing. I still miss Verlyn and Dorothy living next door -- they were wonderfu neighbors and I viewed them as loving surrogate parents. They were always willing to visit or help in any situation and they were the most loving couple I believe I have ever known! What respect and admiration they had for one another even after all their years of marriage. Dorothy always spoke with such pride when she talked of you, Jim. She was one proud mother! My deepest condolences in your loss. I look forward to seeing and visiting with you in May. Gretchen Wheeler

Gretchen Wheeler - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you, Jimmie, Judith and family. God will sustain you and give you strength at this difficult time.

Mike & Marilyn LaFrenz - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM