



Dorothy (Means) Durdin

September 22, 1927 - November 11, 2013

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Dorothy “Aunt Dot” Antonie Means Durdin was born in Waller County, Texas on September 22, 1927 to Jackson “Jack” Means and Ida Mae Braband Means.

She graduated from Waller High School and shortly thereafter married Leon Franklin Durdin of Oakhurst, San Jacinto County, Texas on August 23, 1947. They lived in Houston, Texas where they were members of the Missionary Church of God in The Heights. Dorothy taught Sunday school and both she and Leon were actively involved with the church for 41 years. Though they were not blessed with biological children, they were like second parents to many nieces and nephews and raised a niece, Dorothy Hatcher, as their own.

In 1991, they moved to their farm in Oakhurst and became members of the Oakhurst Full Gospel Church where Dorothy again taught Sunday school and Leon was a member of the Board. Dorothy was “Aunt Dot” to everyone, young and old, whether related to her or not. No one could come into her home without being asked if they wanted something to eat or drink and she almost always had a cake or other dessert (the most decadent and rich desserts one could imagine) on hand to tempt you. The kids grew up on her homemade malts and many of them wore clothes she made. She was a

wonderful seamstress and her “western outfits” were even seen on television on Saturday nights on a local Houston station as one of her nephews was a country singer.

Aunt Dot loved to laugh and knew how to have a good time just by being with family. Her laugh was more of a “cackle” and it was infectious. She loved her family; laughed when they laughed, cried when they cried, hurt when they hurt. Her goal was to see everyone, especially family members come to know Jesus and have a personal relationship with Him. She prayed and fasted for the souls of her loved ones and even those she had only heard of.

Dorothy lost her best friend and the love of her life, Leon on July 23, 2007. They were married one month shy of 60 years. Her faith saw her through that devastating time and she said that God had given her “the peace that only God can give” and knew Leon would be waiting for her on the other side.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband Leon Durdin, her parents Jack and Ida Means, brothers and sisters-in-law Joseph “Joe” Means, Thomas H. “Nuke” Means, Theodore “Pete” and Louise Means; sisters and brothers-in-law Bertha (Sissy) and Alfred Wright and Margaret “Inez” and Alfred Durdin. She is survived by brothers Jack Allen Means and wife Gisela, I.B. Means and wife Dixie, sisters-in-law Annie Means and Irene Means along with many generations of nieces, nephews, friends and her church family.

Visitation will be Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Services for Dorothy will be held on Friday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakhurst Full Gospel Church under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Pastors for the service will be Bro. Glenn Cooksey and Bro. Charles Denman.

Pallbearers will be Tom Means, Steve Means, Scott Means, Shane Botard, Darrell Mitchum and Erik Benestante. Interment will follow at Mt. Capers Cemetery in Oakhurst.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy (Means) Durdin

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Aunt Dot I love you very much and just want to say thank you for all the prayers you sent and words of encouragement given for my family and me throughout the years and for never giving up on any of us! You were a prayer warrior and an inspiration to all those who knew you!

On a "lighter" note, thanks for introducing us girls to the idea that if a recipe calls for 1 stick of butter mind as well add 2 or if it calls for 1 cup of sugar mind as well add another because butter and sugar makes everything better! I personally know Aimee and I have for years been trying to work off those chocolate malts and double thick sliced, both sides of the bread buttered grilled cheese that I can still taste right now but I wouldn't change it for the world! Tell Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle Leon I love them and I look forward to seeing y'all all again! I love you!

Kristi Benestante - November 14, 2013 at 06:53 PM

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“ Aunt Dot thank you so much for always being there no matter when or how you were needed. I remember it was you I wanted when I was in the hospital having my back surgery...you were the one who made me feel relaxed and at peace about it. You were also the one who made me laugh hysterically just before going under the scalpel while watching Lucy reruns, of course the meds helped too. You were the one who turned my TENS unit on full blast because I said it wasn't working for the pain and then you discovered it was unplugged! So, you plugged it in! WOW, was that a shock. We both had a good laugh afterwards (once the shock wore off). You were a second mother to a lot of your nieces and nephews. Maybe that's why God didn't give you your own children, he knew your heart was big enough to care for everyone else's kids, and that's just what you did. You loved them all, no matter what they did and cried and prayed for their souls and to keep them them safe. You loved Uncle Leon unconditionally, and other than mother and daddy's, it was the greatest love I've ever seen. I know that Jesus, Uncle Leon, Mother and Daddy met you at the Gates of Heaven and the angels all sang and rejoiced in that glorious reunion. I will see you again someday in the heavenly home. Thank you for being a light to so many through the years. I expect to see many jewels in your crown. I love you Aunt Dot with all I am.

Connie Durdin - November 13, 2013 at 04:23 PM

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“ Mrs. Dot....as I've always called her, will be greatly missed. I enjoyed those days of coming over and cleaning her house. I would finish work and sit on the floor and just talk with her. We would have the best conversations.....especially when it came to talking about God and our families. It was a great pleasure to know and love her. May the Lord continually keep the family in his arms.

Brenda Lee - November 12, 2013 at 05:30 PM

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“ Aunt Dot you will lovingly be remembered for your giving nature and special apathy for those in need. Your laugh would fill the house and always make family get togethers a pleasure. I miss those days when life was simpler! I regret that your last few months were so complicated and confusing for you. I know that God will welcome you with open arms and your heavenly family will be ready for a reunion. May you rest in peace dear lady, finally knowing the answer to all of your questions. I will always love you!

David Durdin - November 12, 2013 at 12:21 PM