



Dorothy Louise Townsend

July 26, 1930 - April 24, 2020

Dorothy Louise Townsend, nee Trichel, 89, died April 24, 2020, at home in the Elkins Lake community of Huntsville, Texas, where she has lived for over 35 years. Dorothy was born July 26, 1930 in Campti, Louisiana to Coralie Lestage Trichel and Louis Thoss Trichel. She graduated from Campti High School in 1947. In her senior year she was the Louisiana State President of Future Homemakers of America. In her first year as a student at Louisiana State University she was selected by Mortar Board as the Outstanding Freshman Girl. Other honors at LSU included membership in Mortar Board and serving as President of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Immediately following her graduation from LSU in June 1951, she married David Townsend, a member of the LSU economics faculty. After he received the Ph.D. degree in 1953, she accompanied him to teaching and academic administration assignments at the University of Houston, Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX, the University of Texas in Austin, TX, Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and finally to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX.

While living in Natchitoches, La., she served many years on the Board of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches. In addition, she served on the Board and as President of the Service League of Natchitoches. Dorothy was a founding member of the Board and long-time supporter of the

Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society.

Dorothy played for many years on the Natchitoches Country Club's golf team. At Elkins Lake Country Club in Huntsville, TX, she competed on the interclub tennis team, and served on the Board of the Women's Golf Association. In the latter, she served as tournament chairman and as President. In each of her homes in Natchitoches and in Huntsville—she enjoyed participation in many bridge clubs.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her son, David Bruce, and her husband of 65 years. She is survived by her sister, Peggy Voorhees and husband Bob (Houston, TX); her daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Peter Wright (Memphis, TN) and Mary and Michael Ross (The Woodlands, TX); her son James (Bend, OR); and four grandsons, Brian, Benjamin and Christopher Ross and Oliver Townsend, all of whom knew her affectionately as "Mimi".

She will be buried next to her husband in the cemetery adjoining the antebellum (1850) Nativity Catholic Church in Campti, Louisiana. She was christened in this church, attended elementary grades in the Catholic School near the Church, and Dorothy & David were married there in 1951.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to Dorothy's caregivers, friends and neighbors. Due to the current pandemic concerns, no service is scheduled at this time. Memorials may be sent to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1323 16th Street, Huntsville, TX 77340, and memorial notes may be posted online on the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Huntsville, TX website.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Louise Townsend*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Teresa and Mary I just tried to call your mom yesterday and was so sorry to see her obituary today. I am so thankful I saw it so I knew why I can't reach her now . I am very sad at her passing. We are losing all our wonderful seniors who have contributed so much to this world. We lived across the street from her and David until they moved into their new home that they really loved and enjoyed. It was a privilege to have known loved and enjoyed both of them!!!!*
Betty Gray

Betty gray - May 09, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Dear Teresa, Mary and Jimmy,*

Losing someone we love is such a difficult time and losing a mother is one of the most difficult. Dot leaves with all of us memories of happy times, loving stories, and the valued memories only family can have. Dot was truly a wonderful, kind, thoughtful lady in every respect. She was a caring, kind cousin to Bill. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and know our thoughts of Dot are treasures.

Bill and Sharon Beth Lestage

Sharon Beth Lestage - May 02, 2020 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ Dearest Peter and Teresa
Our mothers are always with us in our memory.
May she rest in peace, and may god give you the patience and
strength to
deal with this great loss.
We share your sorrow, and we hold you in our hearts and thoughts
during this difficult time.
With our deepest sympathy.
Leila, Parviz, Amir-Ali, and Yassi

Leila Sharghi - May 01, 2020 at 07:14 PM

LA

“ Teresa, Mary, and Jimmy - I am HEARTBROKEN to see this post.
Deviated. I loved Miss Dot so!! I'm so glad I called her two weeks
ago and we were able to talk. I remember so many fun times at your
home. Watching Partridge Family and playing Nerts into the wee
hours of the night. And we used to dress up Molly. Your Mom
always made her great pancakes for breakfast. She was always so
kind and genuinely good. Her sweet temperament allowed her to
laugh and be joyful. I will miss her. I'm so sorry for you all!!

Lisa Allen - April 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

CH

“ My husband and I moved to Elkins Lake in 1990. Friday night
dinners were held at the old club house, which was originally Judge
Elkins home before the property was sold. We saw Dorothy and
David there quite often, and it was always a delight to visit with
them. I also saw them in the beauty salon occasionally - Dorothy
would get her hair done and get a manicure. Your dad got a
pedicure. My deepest condolences to the family. I know you'll miss
them, but at least they are now together again. Cynthia Harris

Cynthia Harris - April 26, 2020 at 07:32 PM



Christine Maynard

“ Teresa, Mary and James, sending you so much love! Your mother was always kind, welcoming, and generous. She had great heart. Many fond memories from Dr. Seuss books to hopscotch at your home. Cakes always baked. Your dad walking the dachshund. Your mother's lilting voice and her warmth. With gratitude for her presence in my life~ Christine Maynard

Christine Maynard - April 26, 2020 at 07:15 PM

NM

“ Dear Teresa and Peter,
We are sorry for your loss, please accept our condolences. May loving memories bring you peace and strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May her soul rest in peace.
Niloofer and Anahita

Niloofer Moghdam - April 26, 2020 at 06:16 PM

NR

Dearest Teresa , Mary and Jimmy
With deepest sympathy and sadness , please accept our sincere condolences .
As I was reading her obituary, I was amazed of ms. Dorothy's full and rich life . She was a lady of grace who touched so many lives and accomplished so much .
May God bless her soul and give you all the strength to go through this hard time .
With love , Reza & Nadiah

nadiah rostami - April 27, 2020 at 09:46 PM

TL

“ James, Mary, and Theresa, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was always so wonderful to me. My condolences to you and your family.

Tina LaCaze - April 26, 2020 at 01:39 PM

YW

“ We will always remember Dot’s beautiful smile and how very proud she was of the boys! I can still see her in the halls of St.Luke’s and AOS for all of the fun grandparents day celebrations! She had a beautiful life and is leaving a beautiful legacy in you, Mary, and the boys! Love you! Yvette, James and Allana

Yvette Webb - April 26, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MH

“ M.. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Louise Townsend



M.. Hyvl - April 25, 2020 at 11:16 AM