



Mrs. Dorothy R. Cotarelo

December 20, 1937 - July 26, 2017

Dorothy R. Cotarelo, 79, of Dover, Florida, born on December 20, 1937, entered into eternal rest on July 26, 2017. She loved her family, adored her grandchildren, and enjoyed helping anyone in need. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Roy G. Cotarelo; daughters, Harriet Smith (Burk) of Dover, Ruby Aman (Danny) of Plant City, and Beverly Lee Laychak (Tim) of Dover; grandchildren, Mindy Edgeman (Sedd) of Lakeland, Jimmy Payne of Australia, Jake Smith of Dover, Will Smith of Dover, and Alex Brousseau of Plant City; 3 great-grandchildren; brother, Edward Mahlin of Maryland; and lifelong friend, Beverly Lewis of Durant. The family will receive friends in celebration of her life on Saturday, August 12 from 2-5:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dorothy R. Cotarelo



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 09, 2017 at 03:27 PM

BH

“ Hey Ruby, Harriett & Lee,

Beth Hutches (Cherry) here. I was so sorry to hear that your mom has passed away. I wanted to let you know I remember her as always "putting up with all of us crazy teenage girls" with grace & kindness. She was a very nice lady! You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Love you all,

Beth

Beth Hutches - August 11, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 09, 2017 at 03:23 PM

VW

“ *I always knew when I visited at Dorothy's home, that there would be spaghetti. She knew I loved it. That was a trait I admired in Dorothy. Her ability to sense what a person needed (or wanted), and then her willingness to "make it happen," both in the simple everyday things, and also when a much bigger time commitment was needed.*

She was gracious and kind, and we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Love,

Vicki Walker and family

Vicki Walker - August 09, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy R. Cotarelo.*



August 09, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *Ruby,
You may not remember me, but I worked with you at OW back in your Optician days. After reading the tributes to your Mom, I understand where you got your fun loving personality! It all made sense--you must be a lot like she was.
To all in your family, I am so sorry for your loss. It is difficult, but at the same time, how lucky are you to know how loved your Mom was? She has left a wonderful legacy for all your family.
Sincerely,
Cindy Martin*

Cindy Martin - August 08, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ *Having had the pleasure of going to school with Dorothy Rae bring back the forgotten memories of good times. Dorothy Rae did indeed enjoy having fun and making others laugh and be happy. Wish I would have kept in touch but I know for certain she is in the best place possible.*

My condolences and prayers to the family for the loss of their beloved Dorothy Rae. Love and blessings to everyone .

Jean (O'Berry) Riddle

Jean Riddle - August 06, 2017 at 01:03 PM

VS

“ It is with great sadness that I hear of Mindy's Granny passing. Granny was absolutely precious, she loved everyone and her spaghetti dinners were fabulous. It touched my heart over and over again how much she loved her family. Mindy is who she is today because of the love from her Granny. We all need a Granny in our lives to love us the way this granny loved her family. God bless each and everyone of their family. May our Lord keep them safe and always in His loving care.

With love, Vicki Sharer

Vicki Sharer - August 01, 2017 at 11:57 PM

JD

“ I was saddened by the sudden passing of Aunt Dorothy. Even though she was small in size, her absence leaves a big hole in the lives of her family and friends. I'll always remember her kindness, thoughtfulness, and cheerfulness. She will be sorely missed.

Janis Dupre

Janis Dupre - July 31, 2017 at 07:58 AM

CD

“ I met the Cotarelo family when I was 14 years old. Harriet and I became friends and Dorothy kept us in line by supplying us with a pocketful of quarters. Why????...to call home every time we left one location to go to the next. She invented GPS via the pay phone!

She also had GPS in the neighborhood. One night, her and Roy went to the Combs for a party. Harriet and I decided to ride our bikes to the park. Yep, you got it, someone was watching and before you know it we hear Dorothy on Bloomingdale Avenue yelling...HARRIET.....CHARLOTTE.....!!!

We also tried to out fox her by telling her we were at the other ones house. You guessed it, she put a squash to that pretty quick. You couldn't get much past Dorothy!

She loved her family and friends, never turned a party down and lived life to the fullest. She wanted everyone to be happy.

We will all miss her and I for one am happy I have all these great memories. She was as much a part of my childhood as my own parents.

To Roy, Harriet, Burk, Ruby, Danny, Lee, Mindy, Sedd, Jimmy, Will, Jake, Alex, Paisley, Paige, Talon, family and friends, Dorothy loved you all. I am so sorry for your loss.

Charlotte Alligood Danish

Charlotte Danish - July 28, 2017 at 08:49 PM

BS

I STRONGTLY MOTIVATE MY SELF TO BRAIN THRUST REMEMBERING """"RED MAHLIN"""" more charm, wit, everlasting continuity in all that was ...now know "WHY" was never put on the INTERNET just how splendid a """"DUDE"""" RED WAS.

Along w/ REMY HERMEDA & THELMA, JERRY JACKSON,EUNICE MAE SCOGIN,JUDGE RALPH STODDART, FRENCHY'S MISTER SAVOY, HULAN RHOADS and VERA, DIANA SALAY STATED she is """"HOLDING ABOVE all ...AT 97 YEARS OF AGE SOOOOO many more giving me flame throwing breathing.....who notably was equal to ELON MUSK & JEFF BAZOS OF 2017.

That was RED MAHLIN, the many citizens of BRANDON are happy to have been around HIMMMM....."today" is just for now "RED".

bs=

BUCK SCOGIN - August 02, 2017 at 03:58 PM

BS

Send by EUNICE MAE LINDLY SCOGIN'S DRONE TO RED.

BUCK SCOGIN - August 02, 2017 at 04:03 PM

KW

“ I met Dorothy years ago in Steinhatchee Fl when we both lived there,she always had a smile for everyone she met we became sorority sisters in Beta Sigma Phi she was loved by all.Prayers for the family she loved dearly. Kay Wagner.



Kay Wagner - July 28, 2017 at 02:09 PM

GB

“ I was a classmate at Brandon High. I've enjoyed reconnecting in recent years through Facebook. She obviously loved her family! There were always so many cute pictures!

Gail Black Burry

Gail Burry - July 28, 2017 at 11:58 AM

VN

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Over the years I have seen many family pictures and it was clear that she loved her family more than anything. Truly a beautiful Angel now. Prayers for the family for comfort and peace in the upcoming days. Keep all those wonderful memories close.



Vicki Noakley - July 28, 2017 at 10:55 AM

AS

“ Although I have not see her in a while, the times I was around her, she was always the happiest person, always wearing a smile . My prayers for her family and friends. Bless you all.

Annie Faye Varnum Shiflet - July 28, 2017 at 10:29 AM

NE

“ Dorothy Ray had beautiful hair, and a beautiful smile, Always asking about others even when she was in pain herself. She gave our son a wonderful wife and family. Nell and Dwight Aman

nell - July 28, 2017 at 09:44 AM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss to the family I remember Dorothy bounce a little round always willing to help him do anything for anybody she will be missed greatly

Ann Spence Boy - July 28, 2017 at 09:14 AM