



Ms. Dorothy E. Forrest

January 25, 1950 - January 31, 2022

Dorothy Elaine Forrest, 72, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully at home on January 31, 2022, after a valiant battle with breast cancer.

Dot was born in Waterville, Maine on January 25, 1950, to Francis and Verna Gagnon. She moved to Pittsfield in 1967 from Portland, Maine and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1968, later receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from Boston State College in 1973. She dedicated thirty-three years to preserving and reuniting families with the Berkshire County office of the Department of Children and Families.

A longtime member of the Springside Greenhouse Group, Dot loved her plants so much she became a Master Gardener in retirement, as well as volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, and taking care of her grandchildren. She loved music and to travel, spending lots of time in her home state of Maine, visiting her children and grandchildren, and traveling internationally. Her love of food and cooking influenced her travels.

Dot is survived by her children, Kathleen, Allison, and John-Michael, their father John P. Forrest, and her grandchildren Justin, Carter, Jack, Shyanne, and Takki, as well as her brother F. Scott Gagnon and her sister Barbara Gagnon DiPietro. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Carol, and brother Eric.

The center of the family, Mom called it like she saw it and didn't put up with any nonsense. She found joy in taking care of her family, and her presence and generosity will be deeply missed.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for Dorothy will be Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Due to the recent rise in Covid cases, to best ensure everybody's health, all who attend are required to wear face masks. A Celebration of Dot's Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Springside Greenhouse Group, the Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association, or the Elizabeth Freeman Center, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

Diane
Wetzel

“ *Dot was such a great person with a very giving heart. It was a pleasure knowing her through Master Gardeners and the Springside Greenhouse. She was great to travel with and enjoyed all new experiences. Her time with us was cut too short and she will be sorely missed. Condolences to all her family members. Her love will remain a constant presence in our hearts. Rest in Peace, Dot.*
Diane Wetzel



Diane Wetzel - February 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM

KA

Thank you so much for the note and the photos, Diane! These are great!--Kathleen Forrest

Kathleen - February 16, 2022 at 08:16 AM

JC

“ *So sorry that Dot has passed on. She was someone who struck me as having a great sense of who she was. At the big gatherings, her dry sense of humor was always appreciated. Lots of love, Jenny Callaghan Conti*



Jenny Conti - February 12, 2022 at 07:25 AM

JO

“ Kathleen, Allison, and John Michael,

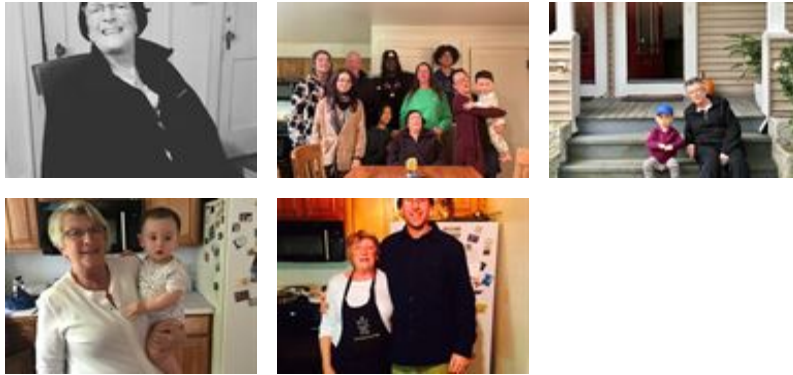
So sorry to hear of your great loss. I always enjoyed Dot's wry humor and uniquely intelligent perspectives and perceptions. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jo-Ann Callaghan

joann - February 10, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 09, 2022 at 04:03 PM

PW

“ Dear John and Family,

I was sad to hear about Dot's passing. She was a great friend during our Berkshire Community College days. She never held back on what she was thinking, and had a great sense of humor and a wonderful laugh. We had many fun and crazy times together. My thoughts and prayers are with the family that she love dearly. She was a remarkable person. Gone way too young!

*Sincerely,
Patty Gifford Williams*

Patricia Williams - February 07, 2022 at 09:34 PM

PM

“ So sorry to read of Dot's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her and many families when working for DCF. I always loved her no-nonsense approach, her compassion, and her sense of humor! May happy memories provide you with comfort now and in the days ahead!

Sincerely, Phil Mullett

Phil Mullett - February 05, 2022 at 09:24 PM

 Debbie Collins

“ Your mom was so much fun to work with at DCF. The children meant so much to her. She will be missed by so many.
Debbie Collins

Debbie Collins - February 05, 2022 at 03:33 PM

KG

“ I agree with the family that Dot has a no nonsense presence ❤️ Very needed in this crazy world. I am so glad she came to my house for lunch and stayed to visit for over 4 hours! She has a great sense of humor. And she loved all of her children and grandchildren so much. She talked abt u all the time. She will be so missed.

Kathy Gaspardi - February 05, 2022 at 08:31 AM