



## Dorothy Marie LeBlanc

January 1, 1933 - February 12, 2020

Dorothy Marie LeBlanc was Born on January 1, 1933 to Thomas Francis and Mary (Brown) Horrigan. She died on February 12, 2020 at 1:14am. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, her four older brothers and her grandson, Dylan Cruse. She is survived by her husband Raymond A. LeBlanc and her children, their spouses and children and 6 great grandchildren; Lisa LeBlanc; Patrice and Dennis Emrie and son Chad; Kathy Buckner and daughters Megan and Emily; Tom and Ana LeBlanc and sons Andrew, Thomas and Adam; Paul LeBlanc; Dan and Vicki LeBlanc and daughters Brooke and Autumn; Andrew and Alison's son Knox and daughter Elliot, Megan and Jason Lester's children, Jackson, Colton and Emery, and Emily and Ryan McKean's daughter Ava Jo.

Dorothy was a true gift from God, a blessed surprise to her Mother and Father, born a full ten years after her four older brothers who all served in World War II. As this happy, precious child grew into an elegant, graceful young woman, Doats created lifelong friendships, probably because she had an inherent grace and charm and was always considerate, concerned and helpful. She was spiritual, obedient and strong in her Catholic faith. She was always intelligent and curious and had a passion for knowledge through reading and poetry. She never stopped improving herself and growing. She received a Bachelor's in Education, became a teacher, and continued to educate herself through college courses at Rice University into her 60's.

While attending the University of Detroit Mercy, Ray fell into her life. They were in love, got married in 1955 and had six children in seven years. She became the dutiful mother and wife, devoted to her husband and family. Even though things were not easy with six babies and a successful international businessman as her husband, she always did the work and always did the right thing. Six babies became six teenagers in the 1970's. Still, she always handled things with a nurturing love and a gentle grace. Behind her sweet, gentle demeanor was a courageous and strong woman with an unconditional and fierce love for her family and friends. Her faith, love and dedication became the foundation for her children and grandchildren. She was blessed with 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She made sure to champion each one, look them in the eye and say she is proud of us, we are loved and that we can achieve great things. In the last few years of her life, when she slowly developed Alzheimer's, she remained dignified, gracious, loving and sweet. She loved the babies most of all. When she gazed upon her great grandchildren with her beautiful eyes, she would always smile big and say, "Hi baby, hi baby!" She was also very artistic, had an eye for color, and a natural ability to cultivate beauty all around her. She created a tasteful, beautiful, home and hosted many wonderful parties with open arms. She was a founding member of The National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. Everyone should go! In lieu of flowers you may donate to NMWA at [nmwa.org/support/giving](http://nmwa.org/support/giving). Under donate, you may make a gift in memory of Dorothy if you wish.

Even though we miss her already, she wanted to go home to see her mother. When St. Peter greets her at the Pearly Gates and says, "Please join us in the Kingdom of Heaven" she will probably smile and humbly ask, "May I?" Dorothy is now somewhere over the rainbow. What a wonderful world, such a beautiful life. Long live the light and beauty that emanated from her soul and onto all of us. Be not afraid Dorothy. Rest in Peace.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, February 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Dr., Houston, TX 77024. A reception will follow Holy Mass in the Community Center on the church campus.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church  
11720 Joan Of Arc Drive  
Houston, TX 77024

## Reception

FEB 24. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church  
11720 Joan Of Arc Drive  
Houston, TX 77024

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Marie LeBlanc*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dorothy Marie LeBlanc*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Dorothy Marie LeBlanc*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Dorothy Marie LeBlanc*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dale Prentice purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



**Dale Prentice** - February 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



February 21, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Rosemary Ledwidge and the Mervenne children purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



**Rosemary Ledwidge and the Mervenne children** - February 20, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ *Molly and I spent many happy times with both Dorothy and Ray. In particular, Dorothy helped catalog all the artwork stored on campus, resulting in the establishment of the Little Art Gallery on the campus of the University of St. Thomas-HOUSTON. She was particular about selecting the large boulder as a pedestal for the large CHRIST statue on campus. What a marvelous lady!*

**Ken & Molly DeDominicis** - February 18, 2020 at 09:04 PM



*Thank you Ken & Molly. I never knew that!!! Thanks for sharing.*

**Kathy Buckner** - February 19, 2020 at 09:25 AM

AC

“ Dorothy and Ray, I met you about 30 years ago in Rome, Italy. We visited sites, churches and Museums, but also nice cafes, restaurants and parks. I was immediately impressed by the harmony and joy emanating from you, and the light of the Holy Spirit guiding you. During the years I also got to meet your children, and some of your grandchildren. Every time you, Ray, would take care of the enjoyment of the party, and you, Dorothy, of the spiritual side of the trip. We had a lot of happy times and memories to share, and even if we did not meet recently we were always in contact, also through our love and spirit. Now Dorothy you are on the most important trip of all, of all life, the last one, the one going to the Lord. Have a good journey Dorothy, and thank you so much for having been the way you are!!! Thank you for continuing to inspire us, and for praying for us. I miss you already immensely, but I know you will be with all those who love you, in a more subtle way, as a bright guiding light. I am grateful to life for having met you, and all your family, and grateful for the beautiful friendship we shared, which transcends time, space, and will continue even now, as I keep you in my heart. I am praying for you Dorothy, and all the LeBlancs (and their in laws) here in Rome, in my heart, and I will continue doing it in all the Churches here that I remember you Dorothy enjoyed the most. Hugs, blessings and fortitude,  
Adriana Cioce

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**Adriana Cioce** - February 18, 2020 at 08:45 PM

LL

So good to hear from you. You are apart of our cherished memory when we talk about all the sights and history of Italy that you share with the family and friends. Hugs and kisses.

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**Lisa LeBlanc** - February 19, 2020 at 02:15 AM

DB

“ Bob and I are so sorry for your loss. What a loving spirit Dorothy had. She lived her life with such grace, and saw beauty in everything and everyone. It was easy to see the image of Christ in her. Now she sees Him face to face. Oh the joy! Dorothy, thank you for your warm hugs and easy smiles. You will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved you. Count me in that number.

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**Dody Braun** - February 18, 2020 at 11:44 AM

PE

*Thank you for your kind and loving words of mom. I relish in the joy that you shared that mom is seeing Jesus face to face, it brings me such comfort.*

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**Patrice Emrie** - February 18, 2020 at 06:13 PM

PH

“ Dorothy was one of my favorite aunts! Over the years she would send me large boxes of beautiful clothes she no longer needed. I kept one bathrobe for many years so I could wrap myself in her lovely style! We shared many conversations about my brother Tom and she shared my concern and affection for him. Even with all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren both Ray & Dorothy took time to call and ask about my family wellbeing. I will miss her !

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**Pamela Horrigan** - February 18, 2020 at 06:13 AM

KB

*Thank you Pam. I was so glad you and your sisters came for a visit this past spring. She loved her family. We will remember the happy memories.*

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**Kathy Buckner** - February 18, 2020 at 09:55 AM

PE

*Oh Pam, your sentiments warmed my heart! We have been blessed with such wonderful parents. I know mom and your dad often talked about their love of books, their children, and their faith. Pam, I'm grateful you and your sisters came for a lovely visit last summer, how mom always enjoyed seeing you all!*

Patrice Emrie - February 18, 2020 at 06:09 PM

NB

*“ Such a beautiful woman that I admired so much.  
Ray and family I am so sorry for your loss.  
Sending all my love.  
Nancy*

Nancy Burger - February 17, 2020 at 11:22 PM



*“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



February 17, 2020 at 01:43 PM



*“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



February 17, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



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February 17, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *To Ray, Tom & Dan:  
It was with deep sadness that we read your wife's and mother's obituary in the Chronicle. We remember her as a lovely, gracious lady who always was making sure everyone was comfortable in your home. We are so sorry for your loss. May her memory be a blessing in your lives.  
Marvin and Stephanie Beasley*

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**Marvin E Beasley** - February 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM



*Marvin,  
thank you for you kind thoughts and words*

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**Dan LeBlanc** - February 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Barbara and Bert Klopfenstein and all our family! purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



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**Barbara and Bert Klopfenstein and all our family!** - February 16, 2020 at 06:34 PM

JK

“ *What a blessing and an honor to have known Dorothy for so many years, a beautiful person inside and out. I am forever thankful for the friendship our families have shared through the years.*

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**Jan Kramer** - February 16, 2020 at 03:54 PM

DL

*Jan  
thank you for you kind words.*

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**Dan LeBlanc** - February 17, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KB

*Jan, Thank you. Your entire family meant so much to my Mother. We have shared years of happy memories and celebrations together, I will always treasure them.*

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**Kathy Buckner** - February 18, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CR

“ *I was saddened to read of Dorothy's passing, but secure in knowing she is with God. My late husband, Allen F. Rhodes, served on the Board of Directors of her husband, Ray's, company for many years, and I recall the many happy times we spent at parties in their home or on trips outside the US. While I had not seen them in several years, I always considered them to be the best of friends. I pray you will cherish her memory, and pray you receive comfort in this time of sorrow. Please count me among the many who share your grief. Carol J. Rhodes*

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**Carol J Rhodes** - February 16, 2020 at 10:07 AM

DK

“ *My dear friend of 47 years I miss you all ready, but I am consoled to know you were ready to go and are in complete peace with our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I have a picture of you in the living room . Each time I look at it I think the camera caught your beauty inside and out.*

*You loved your husband, children, friends and Catholic Faith.*

*I recall all the wonderful times you shared with us. the Austrian Ball and so many lovely party's.*

*Then there were are problem solving issues. the time you called me and said come help me. I ran to the house to find instead of one pie you had three large bowls of grasshopper pie mixture. We laughed so hard.*

*Bob surprised me with a gallon of fresh oysters which I do not like. I called and said come help me. You made a beautiful stew and stayed for dinner. then I sent the half gallon left with you and Ray..*

*We shared joy , love and tears and both knew how very blessed we were.*

*Your Loving friend Dolores*

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**Dolores Kietzman** - February 16, 2020 at 02:53 AM

KB

*Delores, The friendship you shared with my Mother was years of many happy memories. The love and compassion you shared with one another is a good example for all her children. We know you shared a special bond.*

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**Kathy Buckner** - February 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM



*You are a very special person to our family. You shared lots of hamburgers and laughter with mom. While going through her closet we found a card addressed to you. Have no idea when or what it's for but mom was thinking of you. Much love.*

**Lisa LeBlanc** - February 19, 2020 at 09:13 PM



*“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dorothy was very special to both Bob and I. Her serenity, kindness, beautiful smile and many talents inspired us both. We feel truly privileged to have known Dorothy. Sending our love to Ray and all the family at this time. Ros & Bob*

**Roslyn Ann Hodgkins** - February 16, 2020 at 02:39 AM



*Ros and Bob, Across many miles....your love and compassion is felt. You and your family meant much to my Mother and Father. We appreciate your kind words and prayers.*

**Kathy Buckner** - February 18, 2020 at 10:01 AM



*You and your family have always held a very special place in our hearts. Sharing your home so we could discovery the treasures and beauty of Australia so we could make unforgettable loving memories together thank you. Love to all.*

**Lisa LeBlanc** - February 19, 2020 at 09:18 PM



*“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie LeBlanc.*



February 15, 2020 at 05:48 PM

KF

“ Yes , she was always lovely ,and fun as well. We enjoyed so many good times on our trips for NMWA. Happy memories .

*Katherine & Bill Fouts*

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**katherine fouts** - February 15, 2020 at 05:03 PM

PE

“ My mom, the very first person who loved me as she carried me in her womb, and my life has been blessed beyond measure by her pure spirit of love and grace. She was the kindest person I have ever known. Generous with her love to family and friends, always having a listening ear to hear what you had been doing, interested and invested in your life and activities. Mom was elegant, full of grace, solid in her faith, a devoted and adoring wife. I can honestly say that my mother and I never had cross words with one another. She was gentle and kind and loving. She had a genuine warmth about her. She loved inviting all into her big, beautiful home, and welcomed all with a hug and embrace. Her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were her most prized possessions - and we all knew it and we felt it! Such a gift, my beautiful mother, how I miss her already, and I will try to embody all the wonderful attributes she blessed us with. A woman, full of grace.



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**Patrice Emrie** - February 15, 2020 at 12:08 PM

RM

*Dorothy was such a kind, sweet woman! She was always happy to have her children's friends in her home. I remember her swimming in her pool with the hand weights going! Love & prayers for this amazing family,*

*Robyn & Rick Mathews*

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**robyn mathews** - February 15, 2020 at 01:54 PM

AL

*Thank you Robyn for your sweet words.*

**Ana Lisa LeBlanc** - February 18, 2020 at 08:13 AM

KB

*Robyn and Rick, One of our last family memories was at your home celebrating Tom's 60th Birthday. It was such a lovely night. Thank you for your kind words.*

**Kathy Buckner** - February 18, 2020 at 09:53 AM

MM

*Patrice those were such beautiful words. We are lucky to have been born at all but to have such a wonderful and loving mother is luck and a blessing beyond words. Mary Mervenne*

**Mary Mervenne** - February 20, 2020 at 06:02 PM

PL

“ *She graced us all,  
with her kindness and love...  
Godspeed sweet Angel!  
We love you Mom!*



**Paul LeBlanc** - February 15, 2020 at 01:14 AM

CA

“ *I am Ana's sister. When Dorothy went to the holy land she gave Ana a rosewood rosary she bought to give to me. I had only met Dorothy a few times so I thought it was so generous of her to bring me a rosary. It is the rosary I use every day to this day. And I think of her every time I pray with it.  
Celina Arredondo-Reyna*

**Celina Arredondo** - February 15, 2020 at 12:21 AM

AL

*Awww I'd forgotten about that Celina. Thanks for sharing!*

**Ana Lisa LeBlanc** - February 18, 2020 at 12:30 AM

KB

*Celina, Thank you for sharing this special memory. It warms my heart to know this. The Hail Mary was one of my mothers favorite prayers. Your prayers are appreciated.*

**Kathy Buckner** - February 18, 2020 at 10:04 AM

LL

*Thank you for this memory. Mom prayed the Hail Mary continuously for the last few days. Thank you*

**Lisa LeBlanc** - February 19, 2020 at 09:25 PM

MM

*Our family with never forget the love, support, and friendship your mother (and father) gave our family throughout our lives. Your mother and father helped our mother and all of us cope with the tragic loss of our father when we were young. Aunt Dorothy was always loving, gentle, and kind. She was interested in everyone and in everything. We love her dearly. Mary Mervenne*

**Mary Mervenne** - February 20, 2020 at 06:11 PM

CR

*I have known Dorothy and Ray since 1951 at the University of Detroit Mercy and had the pleasure of serving at their wedding mass in 1955. Health reasons prevent me from attending the funeral. My wife Patricia and I send our sympathy and love to Ray and family. A donation has been sent to St.Cecilia Catholic Church for Masses in honor of Dorothy on dates determined by Ray and family.Later, a gift in memory of Dorothy will be acknowledged by The National Museum of Women in the Arts for her interest in the arts.*

*Charlie and Patricia -*

*February 23 2020*

**Charles Rutherford** - February 23, 2020 at 03:42 PM