



## Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy

March 13, 1944 - June 9, 2017

Dorothy Ann McCarthy passed away on June 9, 2017 in Houston, Texas. Dorothy was born on March 13, 1944 in Russell, Kansas. She was the youngest of eight children born to Pauline Maier and Dietrich Albrecht.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Duane T. McCarthy of Houston, Texas, daughter Kristi McCarthy of Arlington, Virginia, son Daniel McCarthy and wife Amy, and much-adored granddaughters Mikaela, Anna, Danielle and Nora McCarthy all of Houston, Texas.

She is also survived by her sisters Ida Elliott of Hays, Kansas, Mable Sommerdorf of Napa, California and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy's passions included traveling, cooking, teaching, reading and spending time with her grandchildren. She visited over 150 countries and all seven continents. Her travels varied from sailing in the Greek Isles, trekking in Nepal, crossing the Atlantic on cruise ships and even spending time in Antarctica. She embraced life. Family and friends were treated to her superb cooking; she was always keen to try a new recipe. She taught at elementary schools in Newtown, Connecticut; Bonao, Dominican Republic; Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Houston, Texas and on the island of Saipan. She was selected as a Master Teacher in Saudi Arabia, Teacher of the Year in Saipan and she was awarded the Crystal Apple Teacher of the Year Award in Houston in

1993.

Dorothy's kindness, thoughtfulness, beautiful smile and giving personality drew people to her. She touched the lives of numerous people she met along the way of her adventurous life: family, many dear friends, fellow teachers, and countless students. Her life was a true testament to "living life". Her journey began with a solid foundation from a small town in Kansas. She was a woman who could drive a tractor, bake a three layer cake or negotiate a rug purchase in a foreign country. Along with her true companion husband, she lived a life filled with accomplishments, exploration, adventure and love. She will be dearly missed.

The McCarthy Family will be present to receive friends Friday, July 7, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service celebrating Dorothy's life beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. Dorothy's full tribute will be published in the Sunday, July 2, 2017 edition of the Houston Chronicle. Visit [www.DettlingFuneral.com](http://www.DettlingFuneral.com) to read more and leave words of condolence for the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Vigil Service

JUL 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Stamo and Elizabeth Pouliadis extend our sympathy to Duane and his Family.!Dorothy always had a smile on her face!*

**Betty Pouliadis** - July 07, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy.*



July 07, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Albrecht McCarthy.*



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July 07, 2017 at 01:55 AM



“ *Dorothy was like an aunt to me, and she and Duane and Kristi and Daniel shared many happy times with our family. I'll never forget vacationing with the McCarthy's in Newtown, upstate New York, Block Island, South Padre - so many memories! It was a joy and privilege to have spent time with her, and a great sadness at her loss. Our thoughts are with you.*

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**Joe Paraschac** - July 07, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to each member of the family. Dorothy always showed such love for her family and friends. She will be missed by so many! Sending our love and prayers at this very difficult time.*

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**Ella Mae Tyrkalo** - July 06, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ *Dorothy was a very special person who could light up an entire room with her smile. We always looked forward to spending time with her and getting caught up in her positive outlook. Luckily we had the pleasure of being on several delightful trips with Dorothy and Duane and sharing many wonderful meals together. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her, including the two of us. Ron and Mary Robins*

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**Ron and Mary Robins** - July 04, 2017 at 10:35 AM

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“ We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. ASC-Career Development.

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**Vickie Udoh** - June 29, 2017 at 07:05 AM

PM

“ My condolences to Duane and the family on the passing of Dorothy. I was shocked and saddened to get the news. She was one of the most amazing, lovely and positive people I have had the privilege of knowing. Rest in peace, dear Dorothy, with your beautiful smile and quick wit. You will always be remembered and missed! Pam Morgan Magee

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**Pam Magee** - June 26, 2017 at 10:11 PM

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“ We miss you . You are my soul mate and best friend. I can't imagine life without you by my side. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you.  
With Love  
Duane

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**Duane** - June 24, 2017 at 02:11 PM