



Ms. Dorothy L. Derakhshan

June 15, 1934 - August 9, 2019

Dorothy Lonsdale Derakhshan, 85, of Columbia, died Friday, August 9, 2019. Born June 15, 1934 in Morristown, NJ, she was a daughter of Alan and Elma Mae Beatty Lonsdale. Dorothy, always helping others, spent her career as a dental assistant caring for patients in several states. She was a writer, poet, and volunteer. Donating her time at the Richland County Public Library, assisting immigrants to learn English as their second language. She was an avid reader, bird watcher and loved to take nature walks and work in her garden.

Survivors include her children, Ramon Gil (Jennifer), Ricardo L. Gil and Arturo A. Gil; her sister, Elma Wilbanks, (Jack); grandchildren, Lily and Gabrielle Gil; great-grandson, Logan Gil; granddaughter-in-law, Kristin B. Gil; as well as a niece and three nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Miguel J. Gil; and a sister, Caroline von Rosenberg.

The funeral service for Mrs. Dorothy, will be held 2 o'clock, Saturday, August 17th Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, SC. The committal and interment will be held at 5 o'clock, at Oakdale Presbyterian Church, 12585 Hwy 55 West, Clover, SC. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 1 o'clock at the church.

Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hamilton College, Gift Annuity Pool, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, NY 13323 or to Little People of America by visiting <https://www.lpaonline.org/>

Events

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

AUG **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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AUG **Graveside Service** 05:00PM

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Oakdale Presbyterian Church, 12585 Hwy 55 West, Clover, SC
12585 Highway 55 West, Clover, SC, US, 29170

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - August 17, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ From David, Peter & John and families purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ms. Dorothy L. Derakhshan.



From David, Peter & John and families - August 15, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Dorothy had a heart of gold. I have wonderful memories of her that I will always cherish. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love,
Gee Gee Cambre

Gee Gee Cambre - August 14, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Dorothy L. Derakhshan.



August 14, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Dearest Art, Rick & Ramon, So very sorry for the loss of your Dear Dorothy!! She will be missed by many!!! Knowing she's in God's hands is the BEST OF BOTH WORLDS!!
4-EVER PRAYERS FOR ALL!!
VALERIE "VEE CAMBRE" WALKER

Valerie C Walker - August 12, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Mom



Ramon Gil - August 12, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ I remember going to Aunt Dorothy's house in New Orleans when I was a kid and thinking it was so exotic and sophisticated and bohemian. Her latest painting or drawing would be out on display, a work in progress, and her violin was always somewhere close by too. She was a gifted artist, musician, and poet then and long after she moved from New Orleans. I think in many ways she was the inspiration for me to write poetry of my own. At the same time, she always had so many plants that they'd look like a jungle in anyone else's house, but they were always perfect, a natural extension of the artwork and decoration wherever she lived. And those probing questions.. she'd never let you off the hook whether it was to keep you thinking or to catch you off guard with a playful look in her eye. I'll never forget when Scott met "the aunts" for the first time. Aunt Dorothy looked him straight in the eye and asked, "So what do you see in her?" He didn't know what to say. Seeing Alzheimer's strip that away slowly over the years hurt. I'm so sad for my mom to lose both her sisters so close together and for my cousins to lose their mom.
Love you guys,
Belinda Bernard

Belinda Bernard - August 12, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ Our families, Baggott's, Shelley's, and Smith have been and will miss this lovely sweet lady. We'll always remember her coming and sharing birthdays, and Holiday meals with our families and being a part of our's.

Sheryl and Dudley Shelley - August 10, 2019 at 08:39 PM