



Doris Mae Di Franco

July 26, 1932 - February 17, 2015

Born July 26th, 1932 in Washington, and entered into rest on February 17th, 2015 in Fremont, California at the age of 82. Survived by her husband of 62 years, Nathan; daughters: Debbie Shull (Al), and Virginia Krapf (Roland); grandsons: Nicholas Shull, Nathan Krapf; step-grandchildren: Jeff, Kevin, and Katie; great step-grandchildren: Aidan, Charlotte, and Reese; and sister, Betty Curtis.

Dottie wore many hats through out her life. Her interests and cravings for adventure were endless. She was involved in PTA, Girl Scouts, Candle Lighters, Antique Club, Ardenwood and Patterson House Docents, Beta Sigma Phi, and Red Hat Society. She worked at Bank of America for 25 years and was a co-owner of Hub Flowershop. The Comcast TV Show, "Senior's Today", was her show. She enjoyed playing golf, especially with "Golden Girls Golf" and "Senior Golf Couples". She also enjoyed water skiing, snow skiing, and traveling with her husband.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 11th, 11am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Inurnment at Italian Cemetery in Colma, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Dottie to the American Cancer Society, 1700 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94612.

Tribute Wall

MH

“It's been said that family is for life and friends are for a life time. I have friends I call and refer to as Brothers and girlfriends as the soft part of my heart. I have known the DiFranco family all my life. Debbie and I shared cribs when our folks got together, that was a lot. Whether it was on shared vacations, JR Chamber of Commerce week long conventions, up at the trailers at Lake Tulloch, bank picnics, or just getting together at our house where over a couple of drinks my Dad and Nate instantly became Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin while Dottie and my Mom watched with shameful delight. From those memories I watched as their friendship turned in to family. Where My Dad and Nate had become brothers and my Mom and Dottie became sisters...FAMILY. Dottie and my Mom were sisters in every sense except biblical and I am sure God has a plan for that. They fought like sisters, they joked like sisters, especially when they were joking on Nate and my Dad with their zany anniversary and birthday road trips, with blindfolds of course. The Sisters even owned a business together selling flowers at the Hub Shopping Center. Where they let us kids work from time to time which we loved to do. They cried like sisters when my Dad passed away...way too soon. Most important they loved like sisters. I have grown up through my life knowing Dottie and Nate as my Aunt Uncle, Debbie and Virginia as my cousins. All my life, I witnessed Dottie's love for her family and friends like no other. Dottie had a zest for life, she loved us and we loved Dottie. Your Michael is going to miss you but I have solace in knowing you and my Mom are together again...sisters. May your Wonderful I Spirit run free in all of us and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand...I Love you Dottie.

Michael Haggerty - March 19, 2015 at 12:15 PM

LH

Mick...So beautifully said. My heart grieves and my heart bursts with love....missing the sisters and the wonderful life they gave us...how exciting and fun they were. I would not change a thing. Rest in beautiful peace, girls, for you left us so much. Please don't drive Dad nuts!!!!

Xoxo Lee Annie

Lee Ann Haggerty - April 10, 2015 at 06:49 PM

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Michael Haggerty - March 19, 2015 at 12:01 PM

AL

“Dottie...Thank you for being such a great mother-in-law, grandmother to my son and a best friend....Being accepted to your family filled a void in my life for which I will be forever grateful. I am going to miss our political talks...you calling me for trivia answers...and the great banter between friends! Traveling to Europe, Mexico, New York etc etc was of course wonderful but the Tuscany trip when you and Nate rented the Villa was the absolute greatest vacation I have ever experienced!...The cabin in Arnold gave us some unbelievable stories...Christmas when the kids were little, the wading pool the boys thought was so cool that was up in the back, sledding down the drive way etc etc...too much to put in this small space. In closing, your celebration of life went very well ...you have so many great friends that loved you showed up...you would have been so proud of your daughters and my pal Nate...they were class all the way through the day. Today we went to the Italian Cemetery and put your ashes in the place you chose...nice spot...sunset will hit and you have a view of the west....I will miss you but I am sure you will be looking out for us down here...rest well and we all will see you down the road!...Love Al.....

AI - March 16, 2015 at 11:58 AM

CC

“ We were blessed to have met Virginia and Roland when our boys started to play T-ball. Our friendship grew and we became camping buddies. We met Nate and Dot on our first trip and knew from the get go that Dot was a very special lady. Her spirit was infectious and we shared the love of animals. After many adventures, trips and holidays we grew to love Dot and her beautiful spirit. Our favorite memory comes from our trip to Tahoe for the 4th of July. We were all relaxing out in the front yard and Nathan and Matt had just returned from a bike ride. They were about 12 and Matt's bike was tall because of his height. We are in the middle of conversation when Dot jumps up and said hey Matt I'm taking your bike for a ride. Off she went, and great speed I may add, and went riding around the neighborhood. She came back with her big smile and her spirit was shining. She was amazing!
It was such a pleasure to have spent time with her and Nate over the years. Dot's spirit and love of life will be sorely missed.
Much love, Dan & Christine Campodonico

Christine Campodonico - March 15, 2015 at 07:16 PM

NS

“ I believe the influence someone has on the people around them lasts forever. The effect my grandmother has had on me has without a doubt helped shape me into the person I am today. Her confident and vivacious attitude towards life was something I've always admired and strived to achieve. She was a strong woman, even as she was going through her cancer. I love you grandma. You will remain alive through my memories and through the memories of the many other people you've inspired throughout your amazing life.

Nick Shull - March 14, 2015 at 12:34 PM

NM

“ *I was one of the many lucky people to work with Dottie at Bank of America. Her graciousness with everyone was evident by the employees that admired and loved her . I will always remember her work ethics and her infectious smile .*

Rest in peace Dottie.

Norma Martinez

Norma Martinez - March 03, 2015 at 05:07 PM

JW

“ *Poised, elegant, gracious - those are some of the words that come to mind when thinking of Dottie. She was the perfect hostess & friend, always welcoming and always eager to share her home and her heart. She made the world brighter and will be greatly missed.*

Janice Whalen (Johnsen)

Janice Whalen - March 02, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DS

“ My mom Dottie was a amazing women. She was active in so many things, it made it hard to keep up with her at times. Anyone that snow skis well into her 70's, thats pretty much crazy. I will miss my mom's funny ways,our talks,family times,fun get aways and just walking on the beach with her. She handled her cancer with such grace and faced each day as best as she could. I treasure these last 2 1/2 years with my time I had with her so I could tell her how much I loved her and share some of her wishes to do and see things she might not ever see again. Mom and I talked a lot about heaven and her being my angel. Together we talked about how her party would be and she helped with her obit which makes it all the more special. That's my mom!!! Would she have it any different.? Like the Sinatra song ". I'll do it my way". Lol I had her record messages to us all which we will cherished. Keep her voice in ours heads. I miss her terribly and think of her daily. Rest in peace mom until we meet again in heaven for eternity next time.
Your loving daughter Debbie

debbie shulll - February 28, 2015 at 04:24 PM

BT

“ Though I never had the pleasure to meet Doris Di Franco, I'm sure she will be deeply missed. I only say this because I have had the pleasure of getting to know her daughter Virginia over the last year. She has become one of my best friends and actually more like a sister to me. Therefore, if it is true that a child becomes half the person of their parent, Doris must have been an amazing mother and woman. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you that were touch by her life.

Beth Teutul
Friend of the family

Beth Teutul - February 27, 2015 at 08:49 PM

VK

“ *The life that she lived will always be remembered. The ways she touched many peoples hearts can not be erased the smiles and the laughter she created will live on forever in our memories. She will be missed greatly. Even in the time of grief may the memory of her carry us on to brighter days.*

*Son-in-law,
Roland Krapf*

Virginia Di Franco- Krapf - February 27, 2015 at 03:07 PM

VK

“ *The things that she did to show me she cared. The sound of her voice the wisdom she shared. The piece of advice I will never forget. The way that she lived examples she set. The work she put in to doing things well. The places she's been the stories she tell. Her greatest success that she was proud of. Her hobbies, her passions, her laughter and her love. I love you grandma and will miss you but I will be with you again someday in heven.*

*Love your grandson,
Nathan J*

Virginia Di Franco- Krapf - February 27, 2015 at 03:02 PM

VK

“ Remebering My Mom

Her laugh, her smile, her voice, her styly, her strengh, her poise, her gifts her joy, her words, her grace, her eyes, her face,her love, her life and everything that made my mom so special to me will live on through my memories. I will miss her very much but will see her again someday in heaven. She is at peace now.

*Her daughter,
Virginia*

Virginia Di Franco- Krapf - February 27, 2015 at 02:57 PM



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Fremont Chapel of the Roses - February 20, 2015 at 11:45 AM