



Dorothy J. Hawbecker

May 21, 1920 - May 25, 2015

Dorothy Johnson Westphall Hawbecker passed away Monday evening, May 25, 2015, at the age of 95. Memorial service: As requested, a private family memorial service has been held. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1600 Gendy St., Fort Worth, Texas 76107, www.fwmuseum.org; KERA North Texas Broadcasting, TV 13, 3000 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75201, www.kera.org; or a charity of choice. Born in Aurora, Ill., on May 21, 1920, Dorothy was the eldest daughter of Russell and Myrtle Anderson Johnson. She married Lt. Joseph Westphall in 1938; he died in action as a submariner in 1945. She married Daniel Hawbecker in 1947 and they raised three daughters. The family moved to Fort Worth in 1964. After the children were grown, she became a community volunteer. Dorothy joined the Guild of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, where she served as a history docent for 38 years. She was also active in committee work for her church. Dot was the consummate homemaker. She was an avid reader, lover of art, music and travel. She always stayed informed about local and world events. Known for her marvelous dry sense of humor, Dot continued to entertain her family and friends until her last days. The family would like to express gratitude to Michael Schur, who lovingly took care of his grandmother in her home. We also thank all the caregivers at Stonegate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Dorothy was predeceased by her parents; brother, Richard Johnson; husband of 52 years, Daniel Hawbecker; and her little Sheltie dog, Bonnie. Survivors: Sister, Joyce Ilseman; sister-in-law, Delphine Johnson; daughters, Allyn Starr and husband, Wayne, Holly Schur and husband, William, and Paula Belcher and husband, Lynn; grandchildren, Shannon Sebastian and husband, Wally, David Starr and wife, Melissa, Daniel Staples, Michael Schur, Adair Deiterman, Stephen Belcher and wife, Mariam; great-grandchildren, Jack Sebastian, Adam Sebastian, Decker Starr, Ella Starr and Olivia Deiterman; niece, Valerie Champion; nephews, Richard Ilseman, Russell Johnson and Blair Johnson; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Comments



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I just happened to read Dorothy's obituary and felt compelled to write. Though she lived to old age, to lose someone you love - regardless of age - is a terrible thing. I too have lost loved ones my Mom died in 2010 at 71 years old, and my dad turned 77 in 2012 and died two days later. So I'm glad that She made it into his 90's.

It is my hope that some thoughts from the Bible will bring you some. Hope, comfort and peace. It was never God's intention that we should grow old and die. When He put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he also out before them the prospect of living forever happy and in good health. (Genesis 1:28)

Our creator has not given up on that original plan..perfect live on paradise earth...even though Satan, Adam and Eve messed up (Isaiah 55:10-11)

The Bible tells us that it is Satan who is responsible for death, and not God as some would tell us. (Hebrews 2:14)

Our creator Jehovah God sent his Son Jesus Christ to ransom us from death and to destroy the works of the Devil (1 John 3:8)

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that excercises faith in me will live thought he dies." (John 11:25)

With Jesus Christ enthroned as King of God's Kingdom, resurrection of the dead - including Dorothy - and a restoration of paradise on earth is assured.

It is My hope that until that time comes, you will find hope, comfort and peace in these promises from God.

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