



Dorothy "Dottie" France

December 31, 1942 - December 24, 2020

Dorothy (Dottie) France, 77, of Wenatchee, WA, passed away on December 24, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Dottie is survived by her sister, Rosalie Kirkeby; niece, Lisa Kirkeby; nephew, Chris Kirkeby; brother, Elvin Bolton; nephew, Alex Bolton, his wife Amy Bolton, and their family; son, Robert Newell; daughter and son in law, Deborah and Jonathan Briggs; granddaughter, Amanda Brack, her husband, Josh Brack, and their daughter, Lucy Brack; cousin, Dolores Buels; step-son and daughter in law, Ron and Teresa France, and their family; and step-son and daughter in law, Kevin and Loretta France, and their family. She is predeceased by her husband, Ron France.

Dottie was born in Kellogg, ID, on December 31, 1942 to Abner and Jennie Bolton. She was the middle child of three siblings with older sister Rosalie and younger brother Elvin. Dottie married Bob Newell in June 1963. They welcomed two children, Deborah and Robert. Dottie enjoyed a long career and calling as a nurse, in Spokane, WA, and Couer d'Alene, ID, caring for and loving others with her whole heart. In April 2006 she married Ron France and moved to Eureka, MT. They enjoyed many adventures over their years together, wintering in Arizona, and spending lots of time with friends and family. After Ron's passing in 2018, Dottie moved to Wenatchee, WA, to be near her daughter.

Dottie loved everyone, she never met a stranger. She was a caretaker at heart and treated every person she encountered with dignity and kindness. Dottie had a curious spirit and loved to learn. She was an avid reader, working at a bookshop during nursing school and regularly visiting the library. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, fishing, and hiking. She always wanted to explore the next corner to see where it led. When Dottie wasn't working or outdoors, she was volunteering for numerous charitable organizations. She touched many people's lives by her love and generosity of spirit. Dottie had a deep faith and was always active in church. She was a member of the Church of God in Eureka, MT, and the Brethren Baptist Church in Wenatchee, WA. In her last months, she received much comfort by watching the Catholic Channel, EWTN. Dottie will be deeply missed by

her friends, family, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Memorial donations/in lieu of flowers may be made to Sjogrens Foundation.

Comments



“ So sorry to hear about Dottie.. we had a lot of fun with Dot and Ron.. We spent a lot of time in Az. and Eureka with them, and camping, playing cards...She will be missed...

Peggy and Jim Brown - January 03 at 09:05 AM



“ 9 files added to the album mom and I



robert newell her son - January 02 at 07:32 PM



“ So sorry Robert. Feel terrible about not knowing that she died. You had a wonderful mother that everyone loved

Hazel kieffer - February 27 at 12:42 PM



“ Dorothy was a wonderful friend whose generosity exceeded comprehension. She will be missed by a lot of her classmates. The Kellogg Class of 61 has lost another GREAT person.

Hazel kieffer - February 27 at 12:46 PM



“ First up our condolences to Dotties family and friends. We had the privilege to get to know her in Eureka. My sons both done some yard work for her before and after her husband passed and she moved to Washington. Our best memory of her was how excited she got when Sean taught her how to get around her Kindle. It was so neat to watch. What a wonderful lady she was. She will be missed by many. Again, our condolences, hugs and prayers for her family. The Bernhard family.

Marion Bernhard - January 02 at 07:06 PM



“ I am writing on behalf of my mother Dolores who is Dottie's cousin. Dorothy was more like a sister than a cousin. My mom fondly talks about the days when Dorothy was around 3 years old jumping up and down on my mom's bed while she was staying with Jenny and Abner in 1946. Dorothy was always there for my mom through her entire life. Always coming to visit and taking my mom and Grandma on endless roadtrips with Elvin. Dorothy was such a beautiful soul. Always had a smile and full of energy. Mom just spoke to her on the phone a week before she passed and they had a wonderful conversation with lots of laughs. The news of Dorothy passing was a complete shock and we are devastated. She will be missed so much. We are all so fortunate to have had her in our lives. Our prayers go out to all the family.. Until we meet again Dottie. We love you.

Diana - January 02 at 02:32 PM