



## Dorothy "Dot" Perkins

July 13, 1930 - April 26, 2024

Dorothy "Dot" Hamilton Perkins left her earthly body and entered her forever home in heaven on April 26, 2024, at her assisted living home, surrounded by loved ones, singing, and praying as she entered Heaven's gates. Dot was born July 13, 1930, at her grandparents' home in Crisp County, GA, to Dr. Reuel and Ruth Hamilton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Reba, her husband, Tom, and their daughter, Paula.

Dot enjoyed an idyllic childhood in a small south Georgia town where she was the head majorette and was the valedictorian of her class. After high school she became an Alpha Delta Pi at Mercer University in Macon where she met Tom Perkins. They married after college and she followed her soldier husband for the next 27 years as he served his country in KS, CA, IN, GA, AL, VA, Washington, DC, and three assignments in Germany. But when Tom served in Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam, she and the children would reside near grandparents in Georgia. The Army life involved lots of moving, but Dot claimed she'd never lived anywhere she didn't like. (I have learned in whatever situation I am in to be content. Philippians 4:11).

In 1978 retirement took them back to Georgia where they could be near their aging parents. They enjoyed their years in Marietta and their close involvement at Eastside Baptist Church. In their mid-70's they moved to their "wrinkle ranch", Park Springs, in Stone Mountain where they made the dearest of friends and where her beloved Tom died in 2016. Soon afterwards her failing eyesight brought her to Dallas, TX to be near daughter Pat and family.

Dot's final seven years were spent at Presbyterian Village North, close to family and Believers Chapel. In late January her health declined rapidly, and she was put on hospice under the loving care of Delecia Smith and her teammates Fatou, Abbey, Ben, and Charles. God was so good to give us these bonus months for visits from all her grandchildren.

Left to carry on Dot's love and memory are her daughter, Pat Garrison and husband Skip of Dallas, TX; son, Tom Perkins III of Athens, GA; seven grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, Rebekah Bailey and husband Kyle, Spencer, Thomas, Sophie; Trey Garrison and wife Jenny, Charlie, Bonnie; Dottie Garrison, Kacey Perkins, J. T. Perkins,

Tyler Perkins and wife Alyssa, Eric Perkins; brother, Dr. Reuel Hamilton, Jr. and wife Virginia; brother-in-law, Dr. C. Alfred Perkins and wife Barbara; sister-in-law, JoAnn Respass and husband Herb; along with numerous much-loved cousins, nieces, nephews, and greats.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2024, starting at 10:30 a.m. at Presbyterian Village North Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Presbyterian Village North Chapel  
8600 Skyline Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75243

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ It was a blessing to get to know "GranDot" late in her life at Believers Chapel. What a Godly influence she was to all. So happy to think of her now, perfectly whole and with her Lord.

Patti Russell - May 06, 2024 at 06:41 PM

LB

“ My husband and I were blessed to get to know Dot and Tom when we joined Tom's Sunday School class at Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga. Dot was so gracious and always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say to everybody. Our lives were made better by just knowing Dot and being a part of such a wonderful Sunday School class. We will always be grateful for sharing life and just knowing you sweet Dot! Clayton and Lannis Byars

Lannis Byars - May 02, 2024 at 09:06 AM

RH

“ My sister, Dot Hamilton Perkins, is the last Living person who had known me from the day I was born and all of my life. She nurtured and loved me literally until the day she died. She and my mother and my mother-in-law were the three sweetest people I ever knew.. she grieved with the death of her teenage daughter and helped her family to live with that tragedy. An amazing army spouse, she followed her husband around the country and across the ocean, raising her children and nurturing them through the difficulties of the frequent transitions. I will love her forever. Reuel Hamilton

Reuel Hamilton - May 01, 2024 at 10:10 PM

SB

We will always treasure our years as members of Tom Perkins' Sunday School class at Eastside Baptist church in Marietta, GA. and the joy of knowing precious Dot ever there to support her husband and be an encouragement to each of us. She had such an interest in the lives of all of us and in phone calls with her (and emails prior to such vision impairment) after moving to Dallas she would inquire about many individuals at Eastside. "How are things with ..." or "What's going on with ..." she would inquire, ever interested in people who had meant much to her in her time at EBC. We miss her but rejoice she is in heaven with her heavenly father, her parents, Tom, Paula and others who went on before her.

Arthur & Sue Burton

Sue Burton - May 02, 2024 at 11:54 AM