



## Dorothy Elizabeth Harding

June 16, 1951 - June 10, 2018

Dorothy Elizabeth Leeland Harding March 2, 1931 – June 10, 2018

Born in Washington, DC, Dorothy grew up with parents Mary and John Leeland along with brothers Gene Leeland (deceased) and John Leeland who currently resides in Middletown, Maryland. She met, fell in love with and married Edward Guy Harding (Ed) on June 16, 1951. Six girls entered the world: Carol, Mary, Terry, Nancy, Sharon and Colleen. They began their life together in a duplex house in Kentland, Maryland and later moved to a single family home in Lanham, Maryland. The family was blessed with many happy experiences. Other than typical every day happenings, camping trips were many. A trip camping all the way to Colorado and spending time at a special property they owned in Virginia were the favorites. Dorothy, Ed and the girls also loved the beach on the eastern shore.

When the 'school days' ended, the girls began building their own lives and left the 'nest'. Each daughter married and granted the couple with 11 grandchildren, their children added an additional 11 great grandchildren. One of Dorothy's most recent cherished memories was being able to see and cuddle her one great great grandchild.

After Ed's retirement, the couple moved to a house built on the property they owned in Syria, Virginia with their dog Sandy. The house sat on the side of a steep foothill located on Old Rag Mountain. Family holiday gatherings, fishing and swimming in the 'pond', eating at Grave's Mountain lodge, attending events and festivals to show Ed's jewelry, stone creations, and paintings were

just a few things that truly made them happy. In 1998, the couple moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Attending shows and local activities, enjoying the many restaurants and walking the beach provided the peaceful life they deserved. Dorothy resided in this home with her dog Daisy until her final rest.