



Dorothy C. Vass

September 28, 1920 - July 4, 2009

Dorothy C. Vass, 88, Topeka, formerly of Columbus GA, died Saturday, July 4, 2009. Dorothy was born September 28, 1920, in Burlington NC, the daughter of Ollie and Lelia Small Cole. She earned her MA in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1944 and pursued a career as a librarian. On July 2, 1947, Dorothy married Army Sgt. William Kyle Vass. They enjoyed over 50 years together. They enjoyed traveling, first with the military and later for work and pleasure. Her interests included indoor gardening, the Chicago Cubs and celebrating her Scottish heritage. She was an avid reader and a member of several book clubs including one that she started at Thornton Place where she resided for the past six years. Dorothy was a member of the Woman's Club in Topeka. Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory her children, Dorothy V. Tenney (Edward) Topeka, Barbara V. Wentz (James) Lindsborg, and Dr. William K. Vass (Del) Canberra, Australia; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and a sister, Madgelen Olivia Cole Bryan. Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA. Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice and the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library Red Carpet Service sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy C. Vass

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear family,

Your mother was a dear friend of my mother, Marie Mangum Moon. They were friends since kindergarden. Dot was extremely diligent about sending cards, letters and phone calls to my mom, throughout the years. For a year or two, we didn't hear from her and we thought maybe something had happened to her. But mother sent her a birthday card last year and your mother returned with a Christmas card (She thought something had happened to my Mom). We have had so much loss in our family, that when I saw your mother's familiar handwriting on the card, I actually got excited - I was so happy your mother was still with us and now, we hear that she is not. I tell you, it has made us both very sad to lose a really sweet, concerned friend of so many years. Her letters were full of praise for you, her family. She was completely proud and over-the-moon for all of her children always. We loved her. Please email me Dorothy Ann or Barbara and let us know that happened. Your Mother seemed so well at Christmas in her letter. Please know that we care.

Marie and Marilyn Moon - July 16, 2009 at 03:18 PM



“ My condolences go out to the family---you are in my thoughts and prayers ----may you know God's comfort and peace- Dorothy, Barbara and Billy---Love-Pat and Harry

Pat Quinn Franklin - July 08, 2009 at 07:27 PM

JK

“ I was privileged to meet Dorothy when my Mother, Ruth Timken, was at Thorton Place. Dorothy would stop by my mom's room when she went to the dinning room. I certainly enjoyed getting to know Dorothy. She was very knowledgeable in many areas. I especially remember her love of flowers and her love of reading. I can still picture her pretty apartment and how proud she was of the flowers her children often sent. Dorothy had a sweet way about her. Please know I'm remembering your family in my thoughts and Prayers.

Jan Timken Kays - July 07, 2009 at 04:57 PM

CR

“ dorthy will be well missed by us all. i was one of the aids tat took care of dorthy at rolling hills wen se was with us. she was a joy to take care of. your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

cindy rangel - July 06, 2009 at 04:34 PM