



Mrs. Dorothy "Coco" Louise Witt

October 15, 1930 - August 2, 2022

“O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 1 Corinthians 15.

It is with great sadness, but also with Christian joy, that we announce the passing of Dorothy Louise Witt, lovingly known to her family and friends as “Coco.” Coco died peacefully with her children at her side on August 2, 2022 after a short illness. She has gone on to Heaven to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and with her husband, Ed, who preceded her in death.

Coco was born on October 15, 1930 in Queens Village, New York, to Harry and May Spencer. A child of the Great Depression, Coco remained humble and frugal all her life, yet her generosity was boundless. While studying for the teaching degree that she would receive from Queens College, she met the love of her life, Edward J. Witt, on a blind date set up by her sister, Helen and her future sister-in-law, Marian. After a brief courtship, 20-year-old Coco married 21-year-old Ed on July 29, 1951. Only days later, they moved to Duluth, Minn., where Ed had been stationed by the Air Force. When Ed deployed to Japan for the Korean War, the newlywed Coco spent the next two years teaching in Duluth and praying for her husband’s safe return. All her life Coco was a devoted wife, a capable and resourceful partner, and a steadfast friend to her beloved husband of 58 years.

Coco and Ed began a family in New York after the war, giving birth to two sons, Mike and Steve, and a daughter, Elaine. In 1959, the young family moved south when Ed took a job with Lockheed in Atlanta, where a third son, Gene, would be born the following year. While raising four kids, Coco worked full-time teaching at St. Jude the Apostle Elementary School in Sandy Springs and later at Kirkland Elementary School near Seattle, Wash., where the family moved for an exciting job opportunity for Ed. Coco was named Teacher of the Year at Kirkland in 1969; her sharp mind, humorous wit, and tender spirit remained with her until the end.

After a brief move to Boston, the family returned to Atlanta where Coco began a new career in residential real estate, first with Nelson Realty and then with Harry Norman. Her charm, class, and trustworthy judgment proved valuable traits, and she became a very successful realtor, being named agent of the month multiple times. Building on this success, Coco joined Equitable Relocation Services where she managed the sale and purchase of homes on behalf of corporate executives who were undertaking job transfers.

Their children now grown and out of the house, Coco and Ed moved to Orlando in 1980, where Coco joined Coral Gables Federal and soon rose to become the bank's Vice President of Marketing. In 1988, Coco received the prestigious Woman of the Year for Community Service award from The Women's Executive Council of Central Florida. Coco's life of hard work and her dedication to the service of others stands as a model to be emulated by her family and friends.

Coco officially became "Coco" in 1986 with the arrival of her first grandchild, and after a serious illness for Ed, now known as "Papa," the couple decided it was time to retire. Several more grandkids came soon after, eight in all, bringing tremendous joy to Coco and Papa: Jeffrey (1986), Brian (1987),

Ashley (1988), Patrick (1989), Courtney (1989), David (1990), Christian (1993), and Kyle (1995). Cherished in turn by her grandchildren, Coco is remembered by them for her world-famous back scratches, her wry sarcasm and keen sense of humor, her insatiable sweet tooth, her love of crosswords and puzzles, her tender affection, constant love, and so much more.

To be closer to grandkids, Coco and Papa moved back to Atlanta in 2009, anticipating a long retirement and many happy years together at the home they purchased in the Orchards at Jones Bridge. Sadly, it was not to be, as Papa passed within the year and Coco began what was to be a thirteen-year journey without her other half of nearly six decades. Always independent, Coco remained in her new home, living alone until her last days; never shy, she made many new friends in the community through neighborhood gatherings, church groups, and bridge clubs. To the very end of her long life of almost 92 years, Coco was a beacon of light, a spark of joy, and a source of comfort in the lives of countless many. As a final sweetness in a well-lived life, Coco was blessed to see her family grow still more as she celebrated the arrival of great-grandchildren Joan (2017), Kirby (2019), and Grace (2021). Coco died eagerly anticipating the arrival of a fourth great-grandchild, baby Stewart, in January 2023.

A convert to the Catholic faith, Coco was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a dedicated member of His Church all her life. She was a joyful presence at Mass and Adoration at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek each week, where she also taught children's First Communion classes for over ten years. She prayed for hours each day, fervently lifting up her family and friends, the nation and world, and her beloved Catholic Church. She was especially devoted to the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, professing daily her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and asking for God's mercy on the world. She began this devotion with her husband and continued it with her daughter. She

leaves to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren a legacy of prayer, faithfulness, and redemptive suffering.

Coco was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and May Spencer, and sisters, Helen Brzezinski and Marilyn Magnuson. She is survived by her sons Mike Witt of Kennesaw, Steve Witt (Tricia) of Johns Creek, Gene Witt (Kathy) of Dunwoody, and daughter Elaine Luse (Steve) of Wheaton, Ill.; her grandchildren Jeffrey Witt (Courtney), Brian Witt, Ashley Luse, Patrick Witt, Courtney Stewart (Alex), David Witt, Christian Luse, and Kyle Witt; and her great-grandchildren, Joan, Kirby, and Grace Witt.

Coco's end-of-life Mass and funeral celebration will be held at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek on August 8, 2022 at 11:00am and she will be buried beside her husband the following day at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to:

The National Right to Life Committee (nrlc.org)
PO Box 96498
Washington, DC 20077-7606

Or to:

The Drake House (thedrakehouse.org)
10500 N Clara Dr.
Roswell, GA 30075

“Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I

will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”
- John 14.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Brigid Catholic Church
3400 Old Alabama Rd
Alpharetta, Ga 30022
(678) 393-0060

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy "Coco" Louise Witt*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dear Witt Family - my mom Evie Schmid and I really appreciated Coco. She was so kind and friendly to my mom at the Orchards. My mom would walk to Coco's for a chat and a laugh. After my mom moved Coco would call me to see how she was doing and laugh about some of their fun times together. Coco encouraged mom my to be a weekly prayer at St Brigettes. My mom still talks about attending her birthday party and meeting "Coco's wonderful family and her boys are so handsome!". Our condolences to you all. Keep all the fun memories close to your heart.*

Evie Schmid's daughter Susan Sepaniak - August 18, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *What a great woman she was. Peace and Blessings to all the Witts and Luses as you remember the bright light that she was in all the lives she touched. We truly are praying for all you guys. Tons of Love, Brad and Ingrid Luse*

Brad Luse - August 09, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Elaine and Witt family. May all the memories of and special moments with your Mom bring you comfort at this time. It's really difficult losing a parent so our prayers are with you. Love and PEACE, Rob & Vicki Elbrecht*

Rob & Vicki Elbrecht - August 08, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JU

“ Jules lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy
"Coco" Louise Witt



Jules - August 08, 2022 at 09:52 AM

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“ Coco was a blessing to our family. She encouraged me to join her in Holy Adoration at St. Brigid one day after Mass. We were friends for 8 years and she was always the light/social butterfly in the room bringing us all together. She prayed with me when my son was in pain for a couple of years. She gave me encouragement notes and gifts to give to my sons. A true and dear friend of Jesus Christ. I will miss her so much!! She's also given me ideas on how to spread love. I have to get on that! Love you much Coco,
May you rest in Eternal Peace my precious friend,
Suellen

Suellen Wohnig - August 08, 2022 at 09:34 AM

BM

“ Coco was one of the most positive and loving people I have ever met. She was the epitome of grace, light and joy and her smile was contagious! She was an amazing friend to my mother while living at The Orchards and my family got to know her well and considered her "family". We enjoyed lunching and conversation with Coco she always has a story to share. She will be dearly missed here on earth. But we know her light is shining down from heaven alongside Jesus!! We love you Coco!! XOXOXO The Miller/Noto Family

Bonnie Miller - August 07, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ Coco was a jewel in the crown at our Orchards of Jones Bridge, naturally beautiful, effortlessly gracious, perfectly groomed. Her sweet voice and endless thoughtfulness will be long remembered and sorely missed. May she shine even more brightly in her new setting alongside her late husband.

Sharon Doyle - August 06, 2022 at 07:36 PM

BM

“ Coco was a lovely lady in so many ways. I was a guardian with her for many years at St. Brigid, and she so often asked for prayers for a friend, a family member, or a neighbor. Always thinking of others. What I will remember most is a Christmas gift Coco gave me....a coffee cup, with the words, "Preach the gospel at all times...if necessary use words", from St. Francis of Assisi. Each time I have my morning coffee, I will think of Coco. Rest in Peace, Coco.. Bob Maguire

Bob Maguire - August 06, 2022 at 10:18 AM

BM

“ My mother lived next door to Coco for 16 years and she was always a joy and inspiration to everyone. I know she will be missed and I pray God's strength and comfort to her family. Blake Morris 11108 Harvest Ridge Lane

Blake Morris - August 05, 2022 at 06:28 PM

NC

“ I met Coco here in our Orchards community. She was kind and thoughtful and we would sometime get together to fellowship and share. It was obvious that she loved her family and her Lord. She was excited about her grandson, Patrick, running in the GA primary and encouraged us to support him. Coco will certainly be missed. God's comfort to all the family.

Nancy Clark - August 05, 2022 at 04:49 PM

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“ I live across from Cocoa and I remember her inviting my 3 grandchildren to her house whenever they would visit me, she would give them candy and other school supplies. My granddaughter could not write properly, so Cocoa gave her small holder for her hands that has improved her handwriting, she still has the little object at 13 years old, she got it when she was 7. Cocoa was a wonderful person, May she rest in peace .and condolences to her family.

Velma Richards 11102 Harvest Ridge Lane - August 05, 2022 at 12:46 PM