



Mrs. Dorothy May Stafford

September 17, 1915 - January 9, 2017

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dorothy M. Stafford on January 9, 2017. Dorothy was born on September 17, 1915 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a bookkeeper at Bookbinders in Philadelphia before getting married and moving to New Jersey to start a family. She later lived in Bradenton, FL for many years before moving to Alpharetta.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John Stafford, parents John and Elizabeth Murtha and brother, Jack Murtha.

She was a loving and caring mother to Carol Weathers, Elaine Kline, son-in-law Troy Weathers of Canton, GA. Survivors also include her wonderful grandchildren Teresa Leahy, Cathleen Higgins, Holly Williams, Melissa Kline, and Sonny Weathers. Spouses include Chris Leahy, Reggie Higgins, Seth Williams and Brian Reece. Dorothy's great grandchildren are Colby and Casey Higgins, Matthew and Shawn Leahy, Kaden and Isabella Williams, Lily Reece and Ricki Weathers.

Her focus has always been on the family and raising the children. They were always the light of her life. Upon reaching her 100th birthday, she was interviewed and said what kept her going was chocolate, children and curiosity.

Dorothy has lived in Alpharetta the past 20 years with her loving grandchildren, Cathleen and Reggie Higgins.

We will miss her immensely but are grateful to have had her as part of our

lives for so long at 101 years old. She loved all of the family gatherings,
holidays and parties

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy May Stafford*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Missy Kline lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy May Stafford*



Missy Kline - January 16, 2017 at 08:34 PM



“ *Such a beautiful woman! She was the most loving person and I know she felt loved by her entire family. My heart goes out to all of you!*

Mary Widner - January 16, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *My Dearest Grandmother
I miss you every day since your passing. And even though you are dancing with the angels and running in the fields with your family. I cant help but to miss you and love you every single second of the day. You are forever in my thoughts, dreams, and the prayers I say every night with Lily. I love you. You are my angel my best friend and grandmother. You will forever be missed. Be good up there. And I will see you in my dreams.*

Missy Kline - January 15, 2017 at 03:34 PM

CA

“ Cathy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy May Stafford



Cathy - January 15, 2017 at 12:41 PM

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HW

“ My Dear Gram. Thank you for helping and being there for my family. Through the good times and the bad you had always been the one constant in our lives. I still get to see a little part of you everyday in the eyes of all the women in my family. That way I always know you are there. Love you with all my heart. Love Holly

Holly Williams - January 14, 2017 at 05:56 PM

ML

“ Nana,

I'll forever miss you and never forget the person you were to myself, along with everyone else. I'm thankful for all the lessons I have learned from you; hopefully I'll be able to pass them on as well as you did to me. You are the best great grandparent I could ever ask for and a big reason why I am who I am today. I'll never forget that.

*Love,
Matt*

Matthew Leahy - January 14, 2017 at 01:28 AM

CW

“ Mom, There was never a time when I thought you would go even though we knew it had to come at some point. We were so lucky to have had you for all these years.. I would never have made it through without your strong will, love and generosity. You were a co-parent as well as a grandparent to my girls. Even after we were all married and had families of our own, we lived close to each other and visited often. You were a part of raising all of our children and guiding the way forward.

Your life revolved around our family and we tried to return the favor in your later years. We took lots of family trips and vacations. Your photo albums will attest to that as they are filled to the brim with memories. You always had a camera in your hand in your younger years. Thank goodness we have them.

There is a hole in my heart that will never be filled until we meet again. I know you were torn between leaving us and going to your Mother, Father, Jack, Dad, your little one and the Lord who has been taking care of them for so long.

You were always the wind beneath my wings. I hope I can fly by myself until we are together again.

Love Forever, Carol
Daughter

Carol Weathers - January 13, 2017 at 07:52 PM

EK

“ You always showed us unconditional love. What people don't know about you is how strong you were.

Living through the death of your 23 year old brother in WWII....losing both parents after taking care of them and your husband who died of cancer for many many years.

You showed me how to be strong in the face of adversity.

You were an independent thinking woman way before your time.

I will carry you in my heart forever until we see each other again.

*Love , Elaine Kline
your daughter*

Elaine Kline - January 13, 2017 at 07:50 PM

TL

“ Grandmother..... that word is full of meaning, especially when you are lucky enough to have such a special Grandmother for so long.

Not everyone gets to have the relationship with their Grandmother that I did, much less for as long as I did. And, we had the best times.... All of the trips, the places we lived, the celebrations, and the everyday visits we had that were so important these last years.

We talked a lot about the chapters of our lives, and yours before I came. One-Hundred One years covers a lot of territory. Through it

all, your focus was always on your family, all of us. That was a big job but not for you because it was what made you happy. You

always said that I was most like you and that is because we spent our entire lives together, never apart, from child to adult. Now, we

will be apart in body but never in mind and spirit. You have given me enough love, confidence and will to carry me through and you are so much a part of me that you will always be with me.

*With eternal love,
Terri*

Terri Leahy - January 13, 2017 at 07:05 PM

TW

“ You most loving mother n law any one ever had bar none. My grandson Shawn said it better than I could ever do. Love you Troy

Troy Weathers - January 13, 2017 at 06:45 PM

SL

“ Nana, you have given so much love and purpose to our family. You guided all of us and gave your best effort to teach us right from wrong. From your curiosity to the wisdom you shared with us, you always cared about what everyone was doing and how they were feeling. Even at the age of 101 you still put on the greatest attitude whenever I talked to you. You have a very positive impact on my life and you were a role model to me. You had a bigger heart than I can imagine. You stayed with our family through our crisis and you always waited on the next child to be born so you could be a part of their life. There is not much more you can do for a family than what you have. Thank you Nana, and I will keep you in my thoughts and heart forever, your grandson, Shawn Leahy.

Shawn Leahy - January 13, 2017 at 01:02 PM

TW

You are very caring grandson, after spending time with you made nana feel great. Pop

Troy Weathers - January 13, 2017 at 06:01 PM

VR

“ Nana has been in my life for 40 years. From taking me to school to enjoying stories of my own grandchildren, she has been so kind and generous with her wisdom. I will miss her and will hold on to all of those years we had to share. Thinking of our last visit... she made me laugh and always had a compliment to make me feel good. Until we meet again nana... vicki richardson

Vicki Richardson - January 13, 2017 at 12:05 PM

CL

“ Dear Nana you will forever be in my heart, and soul, and i believe you will always be with me. I LOVE YOU. Always and forever!!

Chris Leahy - January 13, 2017 at 09:47 AM

TL

“ Teresa Leahy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy May Stafford



Teresa Leahy - January 13, 2017 at 09:18 AM

CH

“ SO MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES. I AM WALKING AROUND THE HOUSE TALKING TO YOU ALL THE TIME AND I GUESS I WILL CONTINUE THAT FOR A LONG TIME. WE WERE SO VERY BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US FOR SO LONG. YOU ARE FOREVER IN MY HEART AND PRAYERS. SO MUCH LOVE FOR YOU ALWAYS.

CATHY

Cathy Higgins - January 12, 2017 at 07:44 PM

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Northside Chapel - January 11, 2017 at 04:53 PM