



## Dorothy "Dottie" Batchelor

October 27, 1926 - February 8, 2025

Dorothy (Dottie) Miner Batchelor

Dottie Batchelor was born October 27, 1926 on the family farm in Bainbridge Township Ohio in Geauga County. Her parents, Flora and Claire Miner had three children. Dorothy was the youngest.

As a young girl, she loved horses, riding in parades and even competing with her father in rodeos and barrel racing. When Dorothy met her husband Jack while dating, Euclid Beach was one of their favorite places, as well as the Bainbridge Township Hall where she not only went to grade school but attended many dances with Jack. Jack and Dorothy were well respected in the community, and were charter members of the Valley Presbyterian Church, where they sang in the church choir along with both their boys. Dorothy and Jack married September 3, 1949 at the Bainbridge Community Church. After they married, their first home was in what is now the Bissell-Tucek house. Their oldest son Greg was born there. They built their home on Haskins Road, on the property they purchased from Dorothy's father Claire. Then in 1955 they moved into the basement of that home, "The house that Jack built". Tom was born that year.

Dottie loved gardening and was noted for her beautiful flower gardens surrounding their home. Her Day lilies and daffodils were the show piece for their garden home, accented by nature's many birds.

In her working life, she had many jobs as an office clerk. Then Dottie became

a 30year Mary Kay consultant. Dottie's friendliness with everyone she met, was part of her charm and salesmanship.

When not busy gardening, Dottie and Jack hosted hundreds of tennis matches and tournaments over the years on their well-maintained regulation clay court. Grandchildren fondly remember learning tennis skills and challenge matches with grandma and grandpa. Dorothy and Jack, and their love of tennis continued in the winter months as they vacationed in Venice, Florida annually, striking up multiple matches daily with their friends.

After Jack passed January 10, 2016, Dorothy purchased her Florida home in Riverview, to be near Greg and Cindy and their family there. Going to church weekly with Greg and Cindy, Dottie accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at the age of 89! She was baptized in her home by her pastor, before moving to Ocala with Greg and Cindy. She lived with them for a little over two years. She spent her last year at Ocala Health and Rehab, where she was well taken care of, by their amazing and caring staff. On February 8, Dottie peacefully went to be with the Lord.

Dorothy is survived by her immediate family include Greg and Cindy (Durschlag), their children Ryan, and Patti (Tim) Marton, and their children Jovie and Findley. Dorothy's youngest son Tom and His wife Ann (Johnson) reside in Michigan, along with their children Steven and his wife Erin, and their children Norah and Abigail. Their daughter Nicole lives in Virginia. She is also survived by multiple loving nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews on both the Miner and Batchelor families sides.

She was preceded in death by her brother Earl and sister Mildred (Pfouts).

Following her wishes with Jack to donate their bodies to anatomical science to be studied, Dorothy's body will be donated to the University of Central Florida. When her cremated remains are returned, her ashes will be spread at the same location as Jack, off the coast of Florida near Englewood.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions to the Jack Batchelor Education Scholarship, in conjunction with the Bainbridge Area food for friends, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023.

A celebration of life at Valley Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge Township Ohio will be held at a future date in the spring.