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Dorothy E. McCracken, 95, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2025, in Sarasota, Florida.

Born on April 14, 1930, in Whitewater, Wisconsin, to Carl and Joyce Meyer, Dorothy grew up in Whitewater and graduated from Whitewater High School. She then worked for a photographer and hand painted his first colored portraits, until she got married.

She and her first husband, Bernard Wafle, owned and operated a 179-acre dairy farm in Helenville, Wisconsin, for 25 years before relocating to Ocala, Florida, in 1979.

Dorothy later married Earl McCracken, in Ocala, FL. She also shared a special companionship later in life with John Simms.

A devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Ocala, Dorothy found joy in faith, fellowship, and service. She will be remembered for her love

of family, her strong work ethic, and her kind and gentle spirit.

She is survived by her children: Cynthia Yapp of Boise, Idaho; Steven Wafle of Phoenix, Arizona; and Jeannie Comparetto of Sarasota, Florida. She also leaves behind her grandchildren: Mike Miller, Rebecca Sheu, Rachel Unverzagt, Anthony Comparetto, and Amanda McNally; and her great-grandchildren: Adeline, Theo, and Emma.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husbands, Bernard Wafle and Earl McCracken; her daughter, Sheryl Miller; her mother, Joyce Meyer; her sister, Joyce Sokolowski; her brother, Stan Meyer; and her companion, John Simms.

Dorothy's life was one of faith, family, and dedication. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall



“ *She was my sweet loving aunt. I will always remember our trips to Florida staying at the McCracken Inn with my mom and daughter. She will always be in my heart.*

Ann Grant - September 09, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ *I will love and miss the dearest, sweetest mother. She was truly a blessing to everyone she met.*

Cindy - September 09, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Jeannie Comparetto lit a candle in memory of Dorothy McCracken*



Jeannie Comparetto - September 09, 2025 at 09:16 AM