



## Dorothy Jane Spata

August 28, 1932 - December 6, 2024

Dorothy Jane Spata (Lupariello), 92, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 at home in Summerfield, Florida. “Dot” or “Dottie,” as she was known to friends and family, was born on Aug. 28, 1932 to Leonardo and Rosa Lupariello in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she grew up with three older sisters and one younger brother.

She attended Harding High School and married her lifelong love Santo “Sandy” Spata Jr. in 1956. In 1974 they moved to Florida to start anew in the Sunshine State that they loved. They were married for 54 years and loved to dance, owning the floor at every wedding they attended well into their later years.

Dorothy worked for decades as an office manager while also keeping a legendarily immaculate home, raising their two sons, and later, a grandson who lived with her. She especially loved doting on the babies in the family.

Her kitchen table was always filled with loved ones, lively conversation and the food she piled on your plate. She was known for her irreverent sense of humor and taught her family that “you have to laugh,” no matter what. In retirement, she enjoyed slot machines and Caribbean cruises.

Throughout her life she modeled consistency, generosity and unconditional love.

Dorothy is survived by her son Mark Spata and daughter-in-law Karen, of Summerfield, her son Santo "Doug" Spata and daughter-in-law Melissa, of Ocala, her grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew, Sharon, Michele and Sophia, her brother Anthony Lupariello of Winter Garden, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Santo Spata Jr.

Funeral service will be held at Robert's of Ocala East Chapel, 2739 SW Maricamp Rd, Ocala, FL on Monday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel at 5050 SW 20th St, Ocala.

At the request of Dorothy, in lieu of personal donations or flowers, please donate to Hospice Of Marion County for their great care. <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E11110&id=26>

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens

5050 SW 20th Street  
Ocala, FL 34474

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 1:15 PM (est)

Roberts of Ocala East Chapel  
2739 SE Maricamp Rd.  
Ocala, FL 34471  
(352) 732-9944

## Graveside Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Mauselum Chapel  
5050 SW 20th Street  
Ocala, FL 34482

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Ellen Priest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Jane Spata.*

Ellen Priest - December 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

EP

“ *Ellen Priest purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Jane Spata.*



Ellen Priest - December 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TA

“ *The Allens purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Jane Spata.*



The Allens - December 13, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Jane Spata.*

December 13, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jane Spata.



December 13, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ Shirley Mallory lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Jane Spata



Shirley Mallory - December 12, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ I have sooo many wonderful memories of Dottie. We lived around the corner from each other in CT. I remember one time walking in with Dottie sitting at the piano playing away. Little did I know she had a piano roll playing That was her always making a fun time. Miss you my friend. Shirley 🙏🏻🙏🏻



Shirley Mallory - December 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Jane Spata.

December 12, 2024 at 01:15 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jane Spata.*



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December 12, 2024 at 01:15 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Matt Spata** - December 11, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ *I love you grandma. Thank you for embracing me with your elegancy, undying love and humor. Heaven gained an angel. -michele*



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**Michele** - December 11, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ *I love you grandma. Thank you for embracing me with your elegancy, undying love and humor. Heaven gained an angel. -michele*

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**Michele** - December 11, 2024 at 06:44 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Karen Spata lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Jane Spata*



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**Mark & Karen Spata** - December 11, 2024 at 06:33 PM

HO

“ *Heather Roberts Of Ocala lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Jane Spata*



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**Heather Roberts Of Ocala** - December 11, 2024 at 09:17 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Hughes lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Jane Spata*



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**Kathy Hughes** - December 10, 2024 at 09:39 PM