



Dorothy Ann Chesley

March 26, 1926 - September 14, 2023

Dorothy Robey Chesley of Dunn Loring, VA and later a beloved member of the White House, TN community, passed away peacefully on Sept 14, 2023. She was 97 years old.

Dorothy was born in Dunn Loring, VA where she excelled in music and later married her high school sweetheart, Emory W Chesley of Fairfax Station, VA, on March 3, 1945, during the midst of World War II. Their love story spanned several decades and states in which they lived, raising four children and travelling extensively together.

Dorothy used her exceptional musical talent as a pianist and organist in service to her Lord in every church she and Emory attended, leaving a lasting impact on those congregations. From accompanying a gospel quartet at Franconia Methodist Church, and accompanying the choirs in which Emory sang, to both singing in the Hendersonville Community Chorus once they moved to TN, they shared their passion for music as they did all things, together. Dorothy and Emory were not only faithful church members all their adult lives but also founding members of Temple Baptist Church in White House, TN, where she was fondly referred to as "Ms. Dot". Their adventurous travels included driving the Alaskan Highway, visiting most of the national parks as well as spending a month in Maine in the midst of winter.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 52 years, Emory W. Chesley of Fairfax Station, VA. She is survived by her loving family, including

Curt and Yonnie Chesley of Franklin, TN; Gary and Deb Chesley of Cottontown, TN; Jay and Lisa Chesley of Mt. Juliet, TN; and Laurie and Randall Carter of Huntsville, AL. Dorothy's legacy extends to her nine cherished grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Robey Chesley will be remembered not only for her exceptional musical gifts but also for her devotion to her family and the manner in which she lived out her faith. She leaves behind a legacy of loving kindness and memories of her contagious laughter that will forever dwell in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

A memorial service to celebrate Dorothy's life will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in White House, TN. Family will receive visitors from 11 to 1 pm, service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Temple Baptist Church Legacy Fund.

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House

533 TN-76

White House, TN 37188

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Dot's sense of humor and loving nature made her a favorite aunt of mine. She always showed an ability to adapt to any situation with grace and smiles putting all others at ease. She was and will always remain in my heart.
anne henry

Anne Henry - November 15, 2023 at 02:51 PM

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“ Dorothy Ann Chesley

Debbie Santora - September 19, 2023 at 08:00 AM

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“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Anonymous - September 18, 2023 at 06:33 PM

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“ Aunt Dorothy was a beautiful woman inside and out. I will always remember every Christmas as a little girl going to aunt Dorothy and uncle Emory’s house for a big family Christmas gathering. She would make her delicious beef stroganoff and homemade rolls and green beans every year! We would sing Christmas carols while she played the piano And all the cousins would have a grand time being together. She had the kindest heart and was such a sweet spirit. I am glad that she is safe and in heaven with her Savior Jesus Christ, and that she is reunited with her siblings and other family members who have gone before her. I look forward to one day at the great wedding feast of the lamb to once again be with family in the presence of our Savior. Curt, Gary, Jay, and Laurie, you are in our prayers as even though she lived a long and wonderful life. She was still your mother and I know very well how much it hurts to lose your mother. God bless you and keep you all. I am so sorry that I can’t be there tomorrow to celebrate aunt Dorothy’s life with you.

*Much love,
Debbie Robey Santora*

Debbie Santora - September 18, 2023 at 05:09 PM