



Dorothy Ellison

May 8, 1936 - June 16, 2020

Dorothy “Dot” S. Ellison, age 84, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, held close by her loving family.

Born on May 8, 1936 in Philadelphia, PA, she was the only child of the late Edmund and Engeborg Summers. Dot was predeceased by her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Thomas “Tom” W. Ellison in March, 2015, to whom she was joyfully and faithfully married for over 56 years.

Prior to starting their family in upstate NY, Dot supported Tom through college working for Bell Telephone. First and foremost a mother and a homemaker, Dot was also very active in her church and community. Singing in choir, chairing charity golf events, playing bridge, participating in bowling and golf leagues, and leading the Rexford Women’s Club all figured prominently in her daily life. In between, she also found time to work as an office manager for a local optical practice for close to two decades, and to attend an endless number of her children’s sporting events, recitals, concerts, and performances.

Dot and Tom retired from upstate NY to The Tradition in Pawleys Island in 2000, quickly acclimating to Southern lifestyle. When not traveling throughout the U.S. or in Europe, Dot jumped right into community activities like golf leagues, book clubs, and card and game groups, generating an ever-growing circle of dear friends. She joined Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, singing

in the choir and regularly helping with the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen to feed the less fortunate in the area. In her more quiet moments, Dot loved to read and enjoy the abundant flowers and wildlife of her back yard. To the very end, including two bouts with breast cancer and other physical ailments, her strength and faith never stopped shining through.

Being an only child fueled her desire of a big family and sustained her devotion to keeping it close. Survivors include her four children, Donna Briggs (Scott), Thomas Ellison, Jr. (Dianne), Timothy Ellison (Colleen) and Todd Ellison (Marrla). She also had twelve grandchildren of which she was so very proud: Kyla Cunningham (Joseph), Jocelyn, and Jenna Briggs; Nathan, Jacob (Lara), Sarah, and Zachary Ellison; Nicholas and Caroline Ellison; and Gianna, Dante, and Sofia Ellison.

A Celebration of Life service will be held outdoors at 10:00 AM Friday, June 26, 2020 at Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church with Pastor Louis Imsande officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Dot would like memorial contributions directed to Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church Music Fund, 9967 Ocean Highway, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. Alternatively, donations may also be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Dorothy_Ellison

http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR/DIYFundraising/HeadquartersSite?px=25599349&pg=personal&fr_id=8186

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel took care of the arrangements. Signing an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries is welcomed.

Tribute Wall



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Denise Ellison - June 26, 2020 at 07:01 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Denise Ellison - June 26, 2020 at 06:53 AM

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“*Dot was a very strong lady. Many of us remember when she had a hat/wig party when she lost her hair due to cancer treatments. Dot was very brave. She adored her guys who won the 2013 holiday tournament.*

*Our thoughts are with you,
Tom & Suzanne Strasser*



suzanne strasser - June 23, 2020 at 04:09 PM

SG

“*Dot will be missed so much. Tom and her were one of our first friends when we moved to Pawleys Island. Playing golf, sharing meals, playing cards, and getting to know your family are some fond memories. I am sure you are at peace with you Tom now. Love, Sue and Dale.*

Sue Guzlas - June 19, 2020 at 08:34 AM

JR

We will miss you Dot at cards, golf and dinner but know you are with Tom and truly happy. With our love, Jeanette and Bill

Jeanette & Bill Renault - June 20, 2020 at 06:14 PM