



Dorothy Firestine

February 28, 1939 - July 16, 2012

Myrtle Beach

Dorothy D. Firestine, age 73, died July 16, 2012 at Agape Retirement Center in Conway, SC.

Mrs. Firestine was born February 28, 1939 in McDowell, WV, a daughter of the late Fred C. Cook and Beatrice Burke Cook.

She was a graduate of Beaver high School in Bluefield, WV. After graduation she enlisted in the Navy in the Nursing program. She was the owner/manager of Pet-O-Tel Boarding & Grooming Kennels in Myrtle Beach for 30 years prior to her retirement. She was an active member of many organizations in the community. Her greatest enjoyment was being a member of the Carolina Master Chorale and getting to travel and sing with the group performing in Europe and at Carnegie Hall. She was a member of The First United Methodist Church of Surfside Beach.

Mrs. Firestine was predeceased by a beloved son Steven Randy Firestine and a sister Peggy Schwartzbeck.

She is survived by her son Allen Rusty Firestine, grandsons Michael and Andrew Firestine of Battle Creek, MI, a brother Richard (Norma) Cook of

Princeton, WV, brother-in-law Paul Schwartzbeck of Derwood, MD and many wonderful friends.

In keeping with Mrs. Firestine's wishes, a public memorial service will not be held. The family will hold a private memorial in North Carolina at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave., N., Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or Operation Baby Rescue at www.worldhelp.net.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Dot was truly a special lady. She boarded our dog for twelve years and stayed with him in our home after closing the kennel until her health wouldn't allow her to continue doing so. Our condolences to Dot's entire family. She was loved and will be missed by many.*
Dawn Alford

Dawn Alford - July 17, 2012 at 10:43 PM

DA

“ *She was a special lady. My dyh Amazon is watching as I write this.....he had pneumonitis when I bought him nearly 30 years from a (unbeknownst to me) local bird smuggler. Dot helped me out with a treatment program that worked well.....The Captain is here today to attest to that. She boarded my birds on my rare vacation and they returned home healthy and happy. Most of all, she was a friendly lady who obviously -- truly -- loved all animals. There is a special place in heaven for her, surrounded by those that she loved and who loved her. Rest well, Dot! My condolences to her family. The world is a better place for her presence.*

Don Alford - July 17, 2012 at 05:54 PM

RJ

“ Rusty,
As Donna states, the 40+ years ago --days on Waterside Drive were incredible with the Little Rascals all over the street from sun-up to sun-down. (long before video games, ipads, etc.). Your mom was always so funny and direct explaining to us how we all needed to "get along".. I can remember her saying "Quit fighting on the bus, sit down on the pony-cart, stay out of the Weikle's crab apple tree-they are not weaons" and more. We lost our mother to cancer in February, so we send our thoughts and prayers to you.. Your mother will always be part of our memories. Thomas Allen, Barbara Anne, Matthew and Rose Marie Hussey..



Rose Marie Hussey Johnson - July 17, 2012 at 04:06 PM



Rosie Marie, most sorry to hear of your mom passing. This thing we call life it can be quite the Mystery. For and to one and all I thank you for your thoughts of mom and about her. Yes, it is most sad that the world doesn't have Dorothy in it anymore. I believe she made it a Kinder and gentler place. The Lord knows that woman must have been made of some of the toughest stuff they got on the inside 'cause you that grew up with me knew must have said to yourselves sometime."God, I don,t see how how they or mom for that matter do it" (talking about raising me)(now remember this is before they have the fancy medical terms nowadays. most of the time ya just got yer butt whipped and went on. Member??

Well the service my 2ed cousin moms cousin did was just as she wanted and he put my and i thinkl everyones mind to rest the mom was headed in the right direction and Please remember not me but that Saint of a woman and her family. Without these people My Aunt Joyce would have had to move to the beach from Winston-Salem nc. They are the Fanjoys Ed and Lulan. Yall remember his billboardcompany just down from the kennel. I shall close no and say to one and all that I miss the Beach But I don't, really ya know. Rusty

Allen Firestine - August 11, 2012 at 10:55 PM

LF

“ *"Aunt Dot" was a part of our lives for many years as both a friend and neighbor. What a shame that time passes and we lose touch. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Lisa Floyd and Peyton Cox

Lisa Floyd - July 17, 2012 at 09:14 AM

DS

“ *Rusty, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. My childhood memories of Waterside Dr always include your family as the wonderful neighbors you-all were. God bless! Donna Chestnut Skipper*

Donna Chestnut Skipper - July 17, 2012 at 08:34 AM

DS

“ *Donna Chestnut Skipper lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Firestine*



Donna Chestnut Skipper - July 17, 2012 at 08:28 AM

LW

“ *Dorothy was a remarkable woman with her ready smile and quick wit. She never met a stranger. We will miss her in the Carolina Master Chorale.*

*Larry Wilson
Executive Director
Carolina Master Chorale*

Larry Wilson - July 17, 2012 at 06:39 AM

JB

Dorothy was a dear friend and I will miss her greatly. As lives change, our directions grew more distant in the last ten years, but old friendships always last. She was a large part of my life for twenty years, and I will always cherish our times together. To her family, I offer my condolences and prayers.

Jean (Jannusch) Bowers Lexington, SC

Jean Bowers - July 17, 2012 at 08:23 AM