



Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran

April 4, 1920 - November 26, 2020

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran, 100, who entered into rest on Thursday, November 26, 2020, will be held at 2 o'clock on Monday, November 30, 2020, in Bishopville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Christopher M. Parnell will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends in the sanctuary one hour prior to the service. Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Bishopville Presbyterian Church, PO Box 66, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Mrs. Cothran, the widow of James Wyatt Cothran, Sr., was born on April 4, 1920, in Memphis, TN. She was the daughter of the late Ray C. Parke and Violet Bloom Parke.

As a strong Christian, Dot exhibited kindness, gratitude, sweetness, and grace in all she did. She gave of herself in service through Scouting (Cub, Boy, and Girl) from dealing with rambunctious children to regional leadership. Quietly smart she had many creative ideas to add to any discussion. Her creative flair exhibited itself in her love for flowers: growing and arranging them for show and personal enjoyment. She won numerous awards for the simple, clean lines of her arrangements, often using what was available in her own yard.

Dot was equally gracious while dining with royalty and heads of state or while digging in the dirt with her Garden Club friends to beautify Bishopville — the “Garden Spot of the Carolinas.” She was blessed to travel worldwide with “Jimmy” on VFW business and on USC Trustee business, always lending her quiet strength, intelligence, and beauty to every occasion.

She was beautiful on the inside as well as the outside. Dot used her time, talent, and treasure to support the work of God’s Kingdom. She served in many roles within Bishopville Presbyterian Church and when mobility prevented her from devoting her time and talents, she continued to give her treasure. We can easily hear Jesus, with open arms, saying to her: “Hi, Dot. Welcome to your Father’s house!”

She is survived by her son, Thomas Parke (Lou) Cothran of Columbia, SC, Julia Lea Cothran of the home; grandchildren, Cordy M. Williamson, Amanda W. Blanton, James C. Williamson, Richard A. Cothran, Dana C. HJaney, James W. Cothran III, Lauren C. Roach; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her two brothers, Ray Parke, Jr., and Eugene Parke; by her oldest son, James W. Cothran, Jr.; and by a granddaughter, Stacey Annelle Cothran.

Serving as pallbearers will be Richard Cothran, Daniel Haney, Wyatt Cothran, Josh Roach, Perry McCutchen, Tyson Eckley, and Stephen Williamson.

Cemetery Details

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery

215 S Main St
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Wally DesChamps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Wally DesChamps - December 05, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *She was an amazing lady. I treasure the many gifts of herself she shared with us. My greatest memories are with her in girl scouting. I carry the love of camping and other healthy ways she instilled.*
Manella Huggins Calhoun

Manella Calhoun - December 02, 2020 at 07:15 PM

TM

“ Tom M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran.



Tom M. - November 30, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran.



November 29, 2020 at 10:13 PM

AM

“ Anne McGill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran



Anne McGill - November 29, 2020 at 01:28 PM

AM

The purple candle reminds me of the beautiful pansies she always had in her yard. What a special lady and wonderful neighbor.

Anne McGill - November 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM

WH

“ *William Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



william hopkins - November 28, 2020 at 08:14 PM

RK

“ *Rita Kirven lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Rita Kirven - November 28, 2020 at 02:31 PM

JO

“ *Janis Stokes Ocain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Janis Stokes Ocain - November 28, 2020 at 10:55 AM

JO

So sorry to hear of Dot's passing. She was a special neighbor and friend of my family for many years.

Janis Stokes Ocain - November 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM

BR

“ Brooke Raley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran



Brooke Raley - November 28, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KA

“ Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran



Kay Amerson - November 28, 2020 at 09:23 AM

LB

“ Linda Steele Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran



Linda Steele Baker - November 27, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JM

“ Jill McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran



Jill McElveen - November 27, 2020 at 05:05 PM

KJ

“ *Kathy Cockman Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Kathy Cockman Jackson - November 27, 2020 at 02:46 PM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Clara McElveen - November 27, 2020 at 01:37 PM

CM

So sorry to hear of the death of your precious love one. She was a lovely lady and loved by all who knew her. May God give comfort, strength and peace to all the family!

Clara McElveen - November 28, 2020 at 08:34 PM

BG

*Our Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and we will certainly be thinking of you tomorrow. What a beautiful photograph and what precious memories you will enjoy throughtout life.
Billy & Phyllis*

Bill & Phyllis Gibson - November 29, 2020 at 10:07 PM

KW

“ *Kathryn Welch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Kathryn Welch - November 27, 2020 at 12:41 PM

MB

“ *Matt & Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Roland Parke Cothran*



Matt & Betsy Bramlett - November 27, 2020 at 11:49 AM