



Dorothy Braithwaite-Davis

February 5, 1919 - July 8, 2015

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Dorothy Davis, of Toledo, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 8, 2015, at the age of 96. Dorothy was born on February 15, 1919, in Wood County, Ohio, to Dale and Clara Claar Fought. She graduated from Gibsonburg High School as valedictorian and then attended Davis Business College. Dorothy was married to the love of her life, Thomas Braithwaite, for 29 years; he died an untimely death in 1969. She was employed as a secretary at the Fuller Brush Company before starting her family. After raising her family, she was employed by Davy-Ollivier Interiors. In 1983, she retired from her position as secretary at Owens-Illinois. In 1977, she married Charles F. Davis, and had 25 wonderful years until his death.

Dorothy was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church since 1944, where she served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Altar Guild for 30 years (director for many years), president of the Episcopal Churchwomen, the first woman to serve on the vestry, trustee of the Foundation, member of the Bishop Tucker Guild, and member of the St. Matthew's Quilters. She worked for six years with a research team to write the church history, *From the Holy Spirit to St. Matthews*, published in 2008. She was also a member of the Owens-Illinois Golden Emblem Club.

She was a woman of many talents and interests; among them were gardening, reading, quilting, cooking, sewing, and spending time with family. She was not only a reader but also a lifelong learner. Despite being almost a

centenarian, she read 76 books over the past year. People remember her for her beauty--both inside and out-- and frequently remark about the example she set of how to lead a Christian life. She was the epitome of kindness and generosity as demonstrated by her selfless devotion to serving others. She will be deeply missed by those whose lives she graced with her presence. Dorothy is survived by her children Linda (Buck) Miller of Alabama; Sue (Henry) Merce, Sylvania; Ann (Frank) Avignone, South Carolina; Daniel (Charlotte) Braithwaite, Florida; and Thomas (Christine) Braithwaite, California; sister, Florence Neuendorff; grandchildren Matthew, Jennifer, Jerilyn, Scott, Bryce, Adam, Nathan, Connie, Brian, Annie, and Allison as well as 47 great-grandchildren and five nieces and nephews. Her parents and sister Lois Swaisgood predeceased her.

The family will receive guests Tuesday, July 14, 2015, from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue (419-472-7633).

Services will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 5240 Talmadge Road with burial following at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to the family at ansberg-west.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy was the Mother of my dearest friend, Ann. When Ann called me with the news of her Mother’s passing, my heart ached for her family’s loss. Losing a parent hurts. But, such a blessing that Dorothy enjoyed so many years of life in which she both RECEIVED love from and GAVE love to others, most importantly her children and their families! She created a rich life for herself, as evidenced by her obituary, and she exemplified the way that one should live their life, living their values and enhancing the lives of others. In her later years, I always referred to her as the Poster Woman of her respective decade – a role model for women of any age to emulate, aging beautifully with enthusiasm, optimism and grace! As her family and friends gather to pay their respects and honor this woman, how proud they must be. I send my condolences to her very special family. My thoughts are with you.
Love, Cheryl Ott White

Cheryl White - July 14, 2015 at 09:05 AM

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“ She lived a wonderful life. I always remember her smiling and making the best of everything. So many great memories, the many family picnics, the love between the sisters, the great family members. Loved you always Dorothy. Brings a tear to my eyes but it should not. Her life was great and I can only think of good things. She was giving to others. Hopefully each member of her family will know how much we cared for her and for each one of you. I wish I could be there. Please know my heart is with you. I wish I could thank her for all she has done with my mom. Smile it was a great life. I hope to do as much as she did. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love her and love you all.

Don Neuendorff - July 13, 2015 at 10:46 AM

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“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Braithwaite Davis. We met Dorothy in 1968 when we worked together in the Owens-Illinois Programming Department. Our friendship was renewed until recently through occasional contact at the Classic Cafe on Sylvania Avenue. Dorothy was a kind and gracious lady and she will be missed by all who had the opportunity to meet her. May God bless and keep the Braith-Davis family.

John and Martha Ingersoll - July 12, 2015 at 09:29 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Ann and Dan, your mother left you and your siblings beautiful memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy those memories knowing your mother is at peace with her Heavenly Father.

Claude and Jill Barry - July 12, 2015 at 07:14 PM