



Dorothy Florence Banks (formerly Armstead) of Summit, NJ passed away suddenly on June 5, 2014 after a brief illness. She was born in Cumberland County, Virginia on January 12, 1928 and was the daughter of the late William Armstead and Hester Marshall. Dorothy was married to her childhood sweetheart, Lonnie for 67 years. They shared and enjoyed many happy days together.

She had many talents and passions but seemed to thrive best when she cared for children. She not only raised five of her own, but also was a nanny for several children in Summit in her earlier years. Additionally, she had a flare for property management. She displayed those talents for real estate when she helped her husband manage three family properties located in Newark, South Orange and Summit over the years.

She not only had a love for people but really enjoyed caring for plants and looked forward to feeding the birds each morning, Dorothy was also a lover of music - among her favorite singers were Barbra Streisand, Jackie Wilson, Mario Lanza and Mick Jagger. She also displayed a flare for fashion and interior design.

Dorothy will also be remembered for her quick wit, her love for shopping, her very classy ways and her ability to embrace and love from the smallest of animals to her total love for her family, friends and her beloved church St. Teresa of Avila located in Summit.

Dorothy is survived by: her loving and devoted husband, Lonnie Banks of Summit, NJ; three children, Juan Banks of Andover, NJ, Fran Kathy Moore-Banks of Summit, NJ and Turia Mayland of Vauxhall, NJ; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She also leaves to mourn several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

As her husband of 67 years said "We have lost a truly wonderful lady who will be greatly missed".

"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)



<u>Interment</u>

Chapels at Short Hills Milburn, New Jersey



I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory on behalf of her grandchildren (Jonathan and Josh Banks) as recipients of the PEP (Pride through Educational Pursuits) Foundation located at 43 Franklin Place, Summit, NJ 908-277-1106.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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