



Dorothy May Hayes

November 5, 1929 - January 28, 2025

Dorothy May Hayes passed away on January 28, 2025 in Sarasota, Florida at the impressive age of 95, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Manila, Philippines on November 5, 1929.

After living in the Philippines, Panama and Atlanta, Georgia, Dorothy moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1946. She was universally loved and respected by those around her. She was a faithful Christian, mother, grandmother and business owner. She owned a bookkeeping business and worked as a bookkeeper for Yoder's Restaurant for decades. She had a passion for her work, diligently looking after many clients over the years and retiring at the impressive age of 94. In her younger years, she enjoyed dancing; she even danced at the Old Lido Beach Casino and the John Ringling hotel. She also enjoyed watching football, completing crossword puzzles, spending time with family and appreciating delicious sweet treats. If you spent any time with Dorothy, it would not be long until you shared a laugh together--as her gentle voice, warm smile, quick wit and unsuspecting humor made her a complete joy to be around. If you were truly lucky, you'd hear her beautifully sing some classics like "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Left to cherish Dorothy's bright memory are her children Thomas (Tracy) Hayes, Marilyn Hayes, son-in-law Frank Slocum Jr.; grandchildren Courtney (Matthew) Petersen, Kyleigh (Nate) Moore, Whitney (John) Burkett, Bryant

(Marisa) Hayes, Weston Hayes and Laurence Pass, along with seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents Pascal Rupert and Edna (Mitzlaff) Rupert; brother George Rupert; daughters Cheryl Slocum and Jackie Hayes; and nephew George Rupert Jr.

A celebration of life service to honor the life of Dorothy Hayes will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 1 PM at Church of Hope at 2300 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34240. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor to Arise and Shine Hope International at PO Box 50773 Sarasota, Florida 34232 or www.ariseandshinehope.org.

Memories and condolences may be left for Dorothy's family at www.MFHcare.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of Hope
2300 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34240

Tribute Wall

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“ Tamara Flynn lit a candle in memory of Dorothy May Hayes



Tamara Flynn - April 11, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ Dear Dorothy! I remember the day we met....it was my first day on the job and I felt an instant connection with you. It was like reuniting with a long time friend. Your smile lit up the room for me and your eyes revealed the gentlest of souls that brought me comfort. I adored our conversations with your wonderful sense of humor and a lifetime of wisdom. I admire your long journey and resilience and have learned the most interesting things from you. People are put in our paths for many reasons and I am so grateful you were in mine...I will never forgot how you made me feel! You are loved! Your friend, Tamara

Tamara Flynn - April 11, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ Dorothy was a treasure! Her work ethic was paramount...don't know anyone that kept going like she did...energizer bunny! The world was blessed to have her for 91 years! Now she's dancing in heaven...see you soon Dorothy! 🧡

Pastors Peter & Tammy Young - February 26, 2025 at 09:39 AM

PY

Oops! 94!! She would laugh at the typo!! Always a number girl!

Pastors Peter & Tammy Young - February 26, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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“ *Grandma Hayes was like family. She was truly caring, always wanted what was best for us and always supported us. She will be missed.* ”

Tim smith - February 25, 2025 at 02:12 PM

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“ *I love you Grandma ma poobah. You are greatly missed. You were such a light in a dark world. You mean so much to me. Jesus took you home to be with Him and I couldn't be happier. We will see each other again someday.* ”



Bryant Hayes - February 24, 2025 at 10:09 PM