



Dorothy E. (Potvin) DeRoche

April 24, 2018

Dorothy was born in Lawrence, September 10, 1923, the daughter of Henry and Lillian (St. Louis) Potvin. She worked as a secretary at Digital Equipment Corporation before retiring in 1987.

Dorothy was a devout Catholic and longtime communicant of Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua, NH who found peace in her faith. She was a loving, caring and thoughtful person who would always greet you with her genuine smile. She would often knit hats and scarves for cancer patients at St. Josephs hospital and always took the time to send birthday & anniversary cards to those she knew. Dorothy especially enjoyed being a Memere and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She leaves three daughters, Sharon Phippin of Pepperell, Susan Buonanno and her husband Albie of Hampstead, NH, Debra Devarenne and her husband Michael of Dunstable; eight grandchildren, Christopher Stinchfield, Kimberly Boucher, Becky Stinchfield, Amanda Reid, Theresa Reid, Brenden Buonanno, Daryn Buonanno, Michael Devarenne and eight great grandchildren, Christian Stinchfield, Zachary Stinchfield, Trevor Boucher, Kayla Boucher, Shannah Ortiz, Westly Carlson, Aiden Daly, Anthony Buonnano.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Sharon, Susan, Debbie and families, we are so sorry to hear of our Auntie Dot's passing. We just adored her, she was one of the kindest, sweetest, and loving persons anyone could be fortunate to know, and be a part of our lives. I have such special memories of my visits to her house in Dunstable, and oh what Auntie put up with when the group of us girls got together! Your mom was one very special lady, and I will be forever grateful for all of the warm memories she has allowed me to capture through the years. I love you Aunt Dot, May you rest in peace in the arms of the angels.

Ron and pam Pryor - May 10, 2018 at 06:24 AM

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It was obvious to me right away that Dottie was a very good person, honest, smart, conscientious, reliable, humorous and funny. I knew immediately that she would help me manage myself, my time, and my job. That is what I wanted. But I got more, much more.

Dottie was a blessing for all my family.

At the end of the interview Dottie said she needed to make something very clear. “My family is my first, my top priority. When I am needed I will not come to work. If I get a call at the office for help, I get my hat and coat and go.” I asked if that was good for my family, too – my wife and I have ten children. “Of course” she replied. So Dottie got the job I got a blessing for our whole family.

My wife, Brenda, and Dottie became very close friends the moment they met. Naturally, she became an instant grandmother and formally so since our youngest child, a girl, asked her to be the grandmother she never had. Dottie said “of course” and brought husband Larry into the mix as well to give the family an instant grandfather. We all loved her and she returned her love to all twelve of us. At work she was my secretary but outside the office she was my friend. She was so good to all of us, checking in on the sick ones, sending greeting cards to all for every occasion. She threw in some babysitting, too. She came to as many of the family gatherings as she could. She was always invited to all of them. We also became close to her children as to become part of Dottie’s family, too. Three days before she passed away, Brenda, Renee our first born and I went to spend a couple of hours with her. We did a lot of reminiscing and laughing. We thanked God for that favor. That was the only way we could go in peace.

Dottie was, is and will always be one of our family's VERY SPECIAL BLESSING.

We love you, Clem and the family

Clement Lamarre - May 09, 2018 at 01:14 PM

KF

“*Dot was a great Godmother. We still corresponded a few times a year. She always loved the flowers I would send to her from time to time. She will be missed but she is now with Larry. Rest in peace.*”

Kenny Fadden - May 08, 2018 at 07:33 AM



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May 07, 2018 at 04:30 PM

DG

“ *Auntie Dot was the kindest-most considerate person-she never forgot my birthday-anniversary even nurse's day-I know she is in heaven with your father-your sister-my father-memere and pepere--mem is probably yelling at her now-asking her why it took her so long to join them--your mother was a special person-treasure all the special memories-you're in my prayers and thoughts-Love your cousin*

Debbie Gillis - May 03, 2018 at 03:30 PM

TS

“ *Dearest Memere, So Loving, Kind and Generous. A sweet voice, always greeting others with her infectious smile. How I wish there were more people in this world like her.
Feeling blessed to have crossed paths. With Much Love❤️ RIP🕊
Blessings for all of your family with their great loss.*

Teresa LaVine Stinchfield - May 02, 2018 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during these difficult times. Memere was a pleasure to know and be with.*

John & Connie Boucher - May 02, 2018 at 06:04 AM

JR

“ Susan, Sharon, and Deb. I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a special lady. Treated me as one of her own that summer I moved in. I will keep you a in my thoughts a d prayers

Jessica (Miscovitch) Ruff - April 30, 2018 at 05:05 PM

MP

“ Deb, I loved your mom, what a special woman she was. Such a loss for everyone for sure.

Marcel and Gail Plouffe - April 30, 2018 at 04:59 PM

CG

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady who always had a beautiful smile. Our prayers are with the family.

Conrad & Dolly Gosselin - April 30, 2018 at 04:02 PM

EL

“ My prayers are with your family With deepest sympathies. Elaine

Elaine lawler - April 30, 2018 at 01:36 PM

SR

“ Mem will sure be missed. She loved me just like I was one of her own grandchildren and treated me like that as well.

Love you Memere

Samantha Reid - April 30, 2018 at 01:14 PM

RG

“*Dottie has always been so special to our family. We all regarded her as our surrogate grandmother. My parents and I had a nice visit with her before she passed and we are so grateful for that time. Unfortunately, we will be attending my aunt's funeral in VA on May 12 so will be unable to be at Dottie's funeral. My husband and children will attend in my place. Please know that we will keep Dottie and your family in our prayers.*

Renee (Lamarre) Gardiner - April 29, 2018 at 06:35 AM