



Dorothy "Dot" Harrington

May 28, 1936 - May 6, 2026

Dorothy Lou Harrington "Dot", age 89, of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully at her home on May 6, 2026. Born on May 28, 1936, in Royal Oak, Dot was a lifelong member of the community she loved dearly.

Dot was the beloved daughter of the late Max and Ruth Harrington and sister of the late Barbara Nancarrow and Jack Harrington.

A dedicated educator, Dot earned her master's degree in education with a focus in Physical Education and Elementary Education. She was among the first women to teach physical education at the grade school level, dedicating her career to inspiring and encouraging young students through education and movement. Her kindness, intelligence, and commitment to her students left a lasting impact on many lives.

Dot lived a quiet and meaningful life centered around her faith, community, and love of learning. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, independence, and dedication to helping others.

In accordance with Dot's wishes, Dot's burial took place at Acacia Park Cemetery with Pastor Chris Kurtz of First Congregational Church of Royal Oak.

Memorial donations may be made to First Congregational Church of Royal Oak in Dot's memory.

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

31300 Southfield Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Tribute Wall

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“ *She was so welcoming when I first joined the Three Flags Chapter DAR. Her family is in my prayers as they adjust to this new reality. May God bless her and all who she loved.*

Leona Frost - May 19 at 11:31 AM

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“ *I and other members of the Three Flags Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, are heartbroken at the passing of our dear Dot. She was a devoted and active member from the moment she retired, when, as she would tell me, her sister Barbara had the papers ready for her DAR membership. Our annual luncheon at your church will not be the same without Dot's direction; in fact, the last email I had from Dot was confirmation of the date this fall for the luncheon. God bless her beautiful soul.*

Ellen Kehoe - May 15 at 02:32 PM

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“*Dot and I were friends at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak for many years. She was active at many levels. For many years she was our church's elected Financial Secretary and dutifully counted and prepared for banking our Sunday morning collections. Every Tuesday morning, she could be counted on to be in the office with Assistant Treasurer Felix to process our financial income. Dot was also intimately involved with funerals and memorial services, assisting grieving families with on site arrangements for the services of their lost loved ones. She was a key person in our Women's Fellowship, assuming many positions - Treasurer of her circle "Wednesdays at One" (the usual meeting time of the group!), Recording Secretary, and Co-Kitchen Chairman with me. Dot was a tiny lady and so she was assigned to take care of "little" problems, like making sure we had ample coffee and dishwasher detergent. I am tall, so it was my job to take care of the "big" problems - like arranging for the repair of a broken coffee maker and refrigerator and scheduling fire inspections. Many years ago, long after Dot's funeral arrangements had been finalized, a committee was seated to arrange for the establishment of a memorial garden for the disposition of the cremains of departed members of our church. Dot was an inaugural member of that group and for many years made sure that each spring, the garden was planted and maintained for the growing months. Each Memorial Day Sunday our committee would host a special social hour after church that would spill out into the Memorial Garden. This year we will remember our dear Dot and will miss her macaroon cookies! Kathy Howell*

Kathy Howell - May 14 at 05:15 PM