



## Dorothy Menser

October 15, 1930 - June 3, 2023

Dorothy Menser, age 92, passed away peacefully to go to her heavenly home on June 3, 2023.

She was born on October 15, 1930 to George and Anna Frerichs in Kankakee, Illinois.

Dorothy attended Kankakee High School and being a lifelong learner later took several classes at Kankakee Community College.

She married Elvis Menser on June 15, 1949 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She had two children. Steve Menser was born in 1951 and Vicki Menser Gray in 1953.

She worked over 25 years at the Kankakee Post Office. In fact, in 1965 she was one of the first two women ever hired. They were instrumental in chipping through the gender barrier of that era.

Dorothy was fiercely independent, had a great sense of humor, loved to travel, and had a big heart. She was always ready to lend a hand to somebody less fortunate. She was a wanderlust and was afforded the opportunity to travel to such places as China, Australia, the Panama Canal, Mexico, Aruba, and many cities in this country. She went on an Alaskan cruise as well as several Caribbean cruises.

Dorothy loved adventure. She rode in a hot air balloon, parasailed in Mexico, and at 70 years old went sky diving.

She loved spending time with her 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Vicki Gray (husband Robert Gray) of Carmel, Indiana. Grandchildren Bridget O'Brien of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lindsay Gray Gritton (husband Jacob Gritton) of Westfield, Indiana. Allison Gray Harris (husband Paul Harris) of London, England. Great grandchildren include Erica O'Dell, Will O'Brien, and Kara O'Brien all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Carson Gritton and Savannah Gritton of Westfield, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elvis Menser, her son Steve Menser, both of her parents as well as two sisters and two brothers. Two granddaughters also preceded her. Jennifer Gray of Raleigh, North Carolina and Jill Menser of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A gravesite ceremony will be held on July 7 at 2:30 at Memorial Gardens in Kankakee. A late luncheon will be held immediately afterwards.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

<https://donte.cancer.org>

She was spirited and lived her life inspired. She will forever be in the hearts of her family and friends.

This is an homage to you Mom, Grammy, Aunt Ducky. A tribute to your life and your legacy.

Please sign her guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Kankakee Memorial Gardens**

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

JUL 7. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dot was in my mom and dad's wedding in 1950 and was a constant in our growing up. Her and Elvis were so kind and so special to our family (Rose and Dick Rothe). Mom and dad loved to travel with them and go out together. My daughter even remembers going to their limestone house to swim and how much fun they were. Dot was there for my mom during her cancer illness and was her rock. I know you have lost your matriarch but heaven and Elvis have gained an angel. My deepest condolences to your entire family.

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**CYNTHIA STOWE** - July 03, 2023 at 02:54 PM

VM

“ My condolences... Dorothy was a very loving caring person. She will be missed 😞

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**Victoria Magee** - June 24, 2023 at 05:10 PM

RB

“ So very sorry for all of you. She was a wonderful “grandma” Dorothy. So funny and good to others. May she RIP and be with her loved ones who sadly are gone too 💜

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**Ruth Bohlmann** - June 20, 2023 at 02:44 PM

SA

“ God bless you Dot. I will miss you.  
Shari Adams

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**Shari Adams** - June 19, 2023 at 06:07 PM