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Dorothy "Dottie" Cole, 83, of Mooresville, went to live with the Lord on October 30, 2014 while in the loving arms of her children and attended by her friends from Carillon Assisted Living of Mooresville.

Ms. Cole, known to her friends as "Dottie" was born in Denver Colorado on September 6, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. John Iaconopelli. She was raised in both Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado and in her youth she was a competitive equestrian and accomplished pianist. One of her highlights as an equestrian was placing in Team Class at the National Western Horse Show in Denver, Colorado. Dottie was a proud graduate of Denver's Smiley Junior High School and East High School in 1949.

Dottie received her college education first at Monticello Junior College located in Godfrey, Illinois. Next, she studied oil painting and sculpture at the University of Wyoming and finally she completed her Creative Art studies at the University of Colorado, in Boulder receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1954. She pledged the Chi Omega sorority at the University of Wyoming's Psi Delta chapter in Fall 51 and was a passionate Chi Omega alumna for her

entire life. She stayed very active in PanHellenic activities serving most notably as President of the St. Louis County Missouri PanHellenic.

She married William H. McNabb on November 13, 1954 and together they had four children who were the pride of her life. Her husband was a chemical engineer for CF Industries and they raised their children in St. Louis, Missouri, Hannibal, Missouri and Lakeland, Florida. Her husband preceded her in death in 1975 and despite the challenges she faced, Dottie remained vigilant in keeping her family together. By encouraging involvement in scholastics, music and sports and stressing the value of education she achieved her goal of having all her children earn their college degrees and become productive members of society. When her children were in school Dottie became a fixture at Lakeland Senior High School serving as a substitute teacher for 17 years from 1973 until she retired from teaching in 1990.

Dottie had a sunny personality and never met a stranger that she didn't have laughing in a matter of minutes. She had a wide range of interests that included birding, bridge, garden club, tennis, trout fishing, sailing and ski club. She was also a life long artist and in her later years was active in the Central Florida art scene frequently displaying her paintings of nature and clay pottery at art shows and galleries.

She is survived by her four children and ten grand children who include daughter, Judith Fielder and her husband Richard from Orlando, Florida and their two children Tess and Brett; son, James McNabb, MD and his wife Elizabeth from Mooresville, NC and their three children Ian and wife Lindsay, Bryce, and Caitlin; son, Patrick McNabb his wife Kimberly Turner, PhD from Alexandria, VA and their four children: Claire, Molly, Katharine, and Finn; and son, Thomas McNabb, PhD, his wife Paula from Arlington, TN and their daughter Zhenya.

Dottie resided in Mooresville, NC since 2012 after relocating from her home in Florida to be close with her family. While in Mooresville she loved listening to the Lake Norman Big Band of which her son, Dr. James McNabb is the President and a trombone player. She could frequently be seen at the Finish Line restaurant enjoying the band's performances.

The family would like to extend their sincere heartfelt appreciation to Richard Seifried and the entire staff at the Carillon Assisted Living Facility located in Mooresville, NC. The Carillon staff provided an amazing amount of care, support, understanding, and love to our mother in the final year of her life. Dottie endeared herself to the Carillon staff and community with her zest for life and energy that she brought into the community. They in turn allowed her to live with dignity and respect earned from a lifetime of dedication and service to others.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Cole/McNabb family and condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com. A celebration of Dottie's life will take place at the Carillon Assisted Living center of Mooresville on Friday November 28th, 2014 at 4:00PM. Visitation for family and friends will follow the service. Memorials may be mailed to Carillon Assisted Living of Mooresville at 198 E. Waterlynn Road, Mooresville, NC 28117 and made payable to "Carillion" for the Dottie Cole Activities Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy Iacononelli Cole

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Dorothy Iacononelli Cole

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Dorothy Iacononelli Cole

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Cole. While no words may ease your pain, rest assured that the pain we feel won't go on forever. John 5:28, 29 talks about a hope we have of seeing our loved ones again when they're resurrected back to life. Once resurrected, they can enjoy the promise found at Revelation 21:4 which speaks of a world in which death, tears, mourning, and pain have no place, for "the former things have passed away". Please visit our website at jw.org to learn about this beautiful hope and more.

Yolanda - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and sympathy are with you all who are missing Ms. Cole. I hope you find comfort in knowing your tears of sadness will be done away with shortly, replaced with tears of joy when you are reunited with her. John 5:28, 29

Abrooks - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Dottie's passing! I drove Dottie to her doctor's appointments while she lived at Churchill Senior Living, and she was always one of my favorite residents to take on the bus. What an interesting and colorful lady she was! I have very fond memories of our conversations together, and she always made me laugh!She was so proud of her family and spoke of them often. I will really miss her!

patt seyler - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ We met Dot at the Big Band concert in May 2014. We decided to take a break on our vacation and see the band that Judy had told us about at work. We enjoyed being with her that evening. We could see the joy and pride in her as watched the band play on (particularly one special trombone player)!She bragged on her kids and their accomplishments. She was very engaging with everyone at the table. She bragged on her kids and grandkids. I have worked with Judy for nearly 20 years, I could see a lot of Judy in her. Both had the creative side, and a love for family and friends. Pam and I were blessed to meet Dottie. We will pray for you for guidance and comfort during this time of loss.Judy -- You and your brothers and family should be very proud of yourselves as you all worked together in making her a great place for your mother to live with dignity and security.

Ken and Pam Overholt - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM