



Doris Walkenhorst Weber

January 18, 1922 - March 18, 2020

Doris Walkenhorst Weber passed away on March 18, 2020 at the age of 98 at the Care Center of Vi at Bentley Village, where she had resided since 2012. She was born in Daytona Beach, Florida on January 18, 1922 to John and Eirene Milligan.

Her family roots ran deep in Daytona Beach, which she always loved. Both her parents and grandparents, who moved there in 1899, were active in the life of the community. Her maternal grandfather, Dr. Joseph P. Esch was the second doctor in Daytona Beach and her paternal grandfather, Dr. Alviere Milligan, D.D.S. was an early mayor of the city. Her uncle, W. Wright Esch founded radio station WMFJ and television station WESH .

Music was always one of Doris's loves from childhood on. When she graduated from Seabreeze High School, she was accompanist for the glee club, band and orchestra; and also played flute in both the band and orchestra. Upon graduation from high school, she received a music scholarship to Stetson University where she majored in Music Education and was accompanist for the Stetson Glee Club and the Radio Chorus. She was active in many campus activities, including serving as freshman advisor, playing in the symphony orchestra, becoming a member of The Honor Society, Alpha Xi Delta and Phi Beta Kappa.

Immediately after graduation from college in 1943 she entered the WAVES of the United States Reserve; and during World War II served as Communications Officer at Congulf Seafrontier in Miami, Florida and then as Assistant Communications Officer of the Naval Air Station in Daytona Beach, Florida. It was here that she met her husband, Walter Walkenhorst, Jr., a carrier pilot in the Naval Air Force. After their marriage in October of 1945, they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where her husband joined his father's GMC truck dealership. After the death of her beloved husband and partner of twenty years in 1965, she returned to college to get her Master of Social Work Degree from Ohio State University; at the same time she was continuing to raise their four teen-age sons.

Following graduation from Ohio State in 1970 she served on the staff of Rollman Psychiatric Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, and then on the program planning staff of

Bethesda Hospitals of

that same city. She was a charter member of the Register of Clinical Social Workers, a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers.

She returned to Daytona Beach in 1977 to head the staff of the District IV B Mental Health Board. In 1979 she became co-founder and executive director of the Family Institute of Daytona Beach. In 1982 she sold the Family Institute and in the same year married Edwin C. Weber of Hinsdale, Illinois and Ormond Beach, Florida. Doris continued to serve her community as a part time counselor of the Presbyterian Counseling Center, and as a member of the Board of Directors of ACT, Inc., Halifax Urban Ministries, The House Next Door, the Civic Music Association and the Great Kids Explorers Club. She was also a member of the Daytona Beach chapter of the PEO sisterhood.

For Doris, her family, friends and Christian faith were always at the center of her life and each was dearly loved. Doris was a member of First United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach, where she served in many areas of the church's ministries.

She was predeceased by her parents, John and Eirene Milligan, her brother, Captain John S. Milligan, Jr., her husband, Walter Walkenhorst, Jr. and her late husband, Edwin C. Weber. She is survived by her four sons and wives, Ted and Rosy Walkenhorst, Dr. Jack Walkenhorst, D.V.M., Rick Walkenhorst, and Bob and Nancy Walkenhorst; her grandchildren, David Walkenhorst (Julie), Beth W. Weinewuth (Brian), Kristen W, D'Angelo (Jonathan), Anne W. Buckley (Joshua), Kate W. Sturdevant (Richard), Ben Walkenhorst and ten great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be private at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to World Vision, P.O. Box 9716, Federal Way, WA 98063 or <https://www.worldvision.org/donate> or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Comments



“ It is as if Doris was reaching out today, while I was remembering her birthday which was coming up tomorrow. For many years, she and Stewart Waller (former minister of music, at Armstrong Methodist Church, Indian Hill , OH) were of great company and support to me. Oddly enough, Stewart passed away Dec. 10, 2019, just 3 months prior and had tried to contact Doris on her previous birthday. To no avail, he continued several times and was bothered by the fact; In any event, Ted, Jack, Bob and Rick, I just wanted to let you know, how much your mom did for me and supported me through difficult times. I remember so well, the house on Drake Rd. and the fun times we had planning parties and attending all of he musical events. She was a great lady, a "super" mom and a very special friend. You have my deepest and most sincere sympathy. Don Mahoney

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