



## Dorothy Mae "Dottie" McLaughlin

March 7, 1940 - April 24, 2025

Dorothy Mae "Dottie" McLaughlin, 85, of Poinciana, Florida, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Life Care Center of Estero.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 7, 1940, Dottie was the beloved daughter of the late Albert F. and Mabel (Forrester) Picarello. She spent much of her life in Philadelphia, where she worked as a dedicated Teacher's Aide at John Hancock Elementary School for over 30 years. A warm and kindhearted woman, Dottie touched the lives of many students and families during her career in education.

After retiring, she relocated to Poinciana, Florida, where she enjoyed 20 years of sunshine, community, and friendship before moving to Naples in January of this year.

Dottie was known for her vibrant spirit and love of socializing. She was an avid reader, always with a book nearby, and she cherished spending time with friends. A visit to the casino was one of her favorite pastimes, where she delighted in the excitement and fun of the games.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, John McLaughlin; her sister, Nancy Smalling; and her parents.

Dottie is survived by her devoted children: Michael McLaughlin (Jaclyn Keown) of Naples, FL; William McLaughlin of Conshohocken, PA; and Daniel McLaughlin (Jesse Reyes) of Valley Village, CA. She also leaves behind her brother, James Picarello (Nancy) of Poinciana, FL; and her cherished grandchildren, Sarah and Reese.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dottie's name may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are under the care of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Dottie as my teacher’s aide at Hancock School. She could have taught the children herself. Nothing was too much for her. I remember her very fondly. Condolences to her family. Andrea Masket Love



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**Andrea Love** - March 07 at 10:30 AM

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“ Dottie and I became friends when we worked at PSFS in Philadelphia. We enjoyed many good times together and remain friends for several years.

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**Marie Thompson** - May 14, 2025 at 09:37 PM

JR

“ Great lady, mother , wife and neighbor. I lived next door for many years and enjoyed her personality and how she helped others at school or anywhere on earth, RIP Joe Roache

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**Joseph Roache** - May 05, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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“ Leah F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Mae "Dottie" McLaughlin.

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**Leah F.** - April 28, 2025 at 10:26 PM