



Dorothy "Dot" Wright Ring Carroll

August 15, 1926 - November 17, 2022

Dorothy Wright Ring Carroll, 96, passed away peacefully on November 17, 2022 with family surrounding her. Dot was born on August 15, 1926, in Milton, FL to Susan and Charles Wright. Her father died before she was born. She later moved to Jacksonville, where she spent her formative years and was adopted by her mother's second husband, Murrice Ring.

She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville and came to Tallahassee to attend FSCW and then FSU, where she earned a degree in accounting. She was selected by UF – which was an all-male school at the time – as one of a few women to lead cheers for the Gators. However, she remained a devoted Seminole throughout her life. After graduation, she met Tallahassee native, Fred Carroll, Jr., while she was working at WTAL radio station. She and Fred married in September of 1949.

Dot and Fred led an active life in Tallahassee. She served as president of the Tallahassee Jr. Woman's Club and TallyHo Club and was a member of the Tallahassee Jr. League, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Tiger Bay, Economics Club and many bridge clubs. She delighted in selling tickets to fundraisers for the Tallahassee Senior Center, which honored her as a Silver Star in 2013.

She was employed as the bookkeeper for many years at Leon High School,

where her gregarious personality enriched the lives of many students who recall fond memories of her to this day. Later, she worked in the Florida House of Representatives as an assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and then at the Florida Department of Agriculture's Division of Consumer Services until her retirement.

Dot loved people, flowers, St. Teresa beach, and her many dogs. She was loved not only by her family but by the myriad friends and neighbors who often stopped at her home to visit. She was a gifted flower arranger whose creativity was sought at countless weddings, anniversaries, births, and funerals. Seemingly creating something out of nothing, her arrangements always looked stunning.

Dot was vibrant. Her candor and wit kept you on your toes yet with a smile on your face. Her style was classic, and her granddaughters have agreed to all wear her signature fashion statement – a broach on the back just above the shoulder blade – at her funeral. She loved her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, who affectionately called her “Muir.”

Dot worked harder than anyone and she made sure people around her worked hard, too. It was not unusual for her children to wake up on a Saturday morning to a yellow pad filled with to-do lists. Even friends and neighbors knew that if they came to her house, they would likely hear, “and while you're here, can you...?” The family knew the list never really ended.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Fred Carroll, Jr; her sister, LaFola Talton; her brother, Carlyle Wright and several beloved nieces and nephews. Her survivors include her son, Frederick “Rick” Carroll III (Mary) of Tallahassee; her daughter, Susan Carroll Aguren (Wayne) of Greenville, SC; and her son, Carlyle Wright Carroll (Jane) of Nashville, TN; and nine grandchildren, Carlton Carroll (Ian), Jamie Carroll (Leah), Mitchell Carroll

(Angela), Ali Price (Jonny), Darden Swords (Doug), Adrienne Mullins (Ryan), Peter Carroll (Brielle), Laura Grace Carroll and Carlyle Aguren (Nellie). She is also survived by 16 great-grandchildren and her beloved golden retriever, Harper. Dot's legendary zest for life will be missed by all who knew her.

The family expresses their deepest thanks and appreciation to the loving staff of the Villas at Killlearn Lakes and to Big Bend Hospice for their superb care during Dot's last days.

A memorial service will be held at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception for family and friends following the service at the home of Rick and Mary Carroll.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in her name to the Tallahassee Senior Center, Goodwood Museum & Gardens, Big Bend Hospice or to a charity of your choice.

Rocky Bevis and Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
1700 North Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

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“ We enjoyed Dot's friendship for over 40 years in church and in the Burleigh Law SS Class. We enjoyed many trips around the world with Dot and we have wonderful memories of the good times we had together. We also enjoyed some wonderful times at her beach home. Dot was such a vivacious lady - you always felt better when you had been around her. I thought Dot's funeral services yesterday were just wonderful. I know Dot would have been happy with it all. I loved hearing her family talk about her and having her son-in-law sing "Over the Rainbow" was just special. I loved seeing all the young people in her family and especially the little children and babies. She lived a long and beautiful life and we won't ever forget her.

Jean Holzapfel - December 04, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Wright Ring Carroll.



November 29, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Wright Ring Carroll.



November 26, 2022 at 07:18 PM

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“ I felt so cared for when as a cub reporter covering the Legislature years ago, Dot took me under her wing. She gave me directions to everything from the ladies room to which elevator to ride to the Speaker’s office. I always admired Dot so much and when I’d see her over the years thereafter, I always felt it was a better day for having seen her and that great smile. She had a wonderful life, and I know you will miss her greatly.

Mary Ann Lindley - November 20, 2022 at 11:04 AM

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A woman with grit, wonderful woman & a wonderful life!

Roy T. Rhodes. - November 22, 2022 at 10:10 AM