



## Dorothy M. Center

December 18, 1921 - January 12, 2010

Albany-Dorothy Margaret Center died on Tuesday, January 12 at the St Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albany after a full 88-year long life. While Dorothy succumbed to complications due to Parkinson's disease, she found enjoyment in every day. She was born on December 18, 1921 in Reading, MA. As a young girl Dottie was an accomplished violinist and pianist. She played first violin with the Youth Orchestra of the Boston Symphony. As a young woman in the Boston area Dot began 44 years of married life on August 22, 1943 with William H. Center. He had just graduated from the Boston area Northeastern University School of Engineering. They lived in the Albany Schenectady area where Bill was born and a life-long resident. He died in 1987. Dorothy was a long-time travel agent specializing in foreign vacations at the Albany AAA. She was the first women agent to address the New York legislature on the travel industry. Dot joined her clients on too many tours to mention. She was especially fond of one of her last trips, a balloon safari in Africa. Dot loved language. She won awards for poetry and for her travel articles. She also found time while raising a family of five to serve as a Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, and community volunteer.

Dorothy is survived by three generations who carry on her example of living life to the fullest. They are Mary H. and her husband William Campbell who live in Stoneham, MA. William H. and his wife Sandra L. Center are residents of Richmond, VA. Her son Garry T. and his wife Lynn Center live in Albany

where he has a long standing CPA practice. Her daughter Dr. Kathleen A. Vance and her partner David Kipling reside in Gibson's Landing, BC, Canada. And her son Christopher J. and his wife Barbara Center live in Fall City, WA. Her grandchildren are Christopher Vance of Toronto, Kristen Center whose home is in Fall City, WA. Gregory T. and his wife Carla Center living in McLean, VA and David A. and his wife Katrina L. Center of Richmond, VA. Dorothy is survived by five great grandchildren, Austin, Gabrielle, Taylor, John and William Center. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Charles and George Harrow, both residents of Marblehead, MA.

Funeral services Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. There will be no calling hours. Interment will follow the Mass at STS Cyril and Method Cemetery, Rotterdam.

To leave the family a special message on their Guest Book; obtain directions; or share a photo or E-Card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 16. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy M. Center*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family.  
Dorothy was a wonderful co-worker and a gifted person.  
She was always an independent free spirited woman who would  
have never wanted to be confined daily.  
She is now free again and in a better place.*

*Sincerely,  
Jennie Koncewicz  
Travel Agent  
AAA Hudson Valley##imported-begin##JENNIE  
KONCEWICZ##imported-end##*

January 16, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all and  
especially Mary  
Campbell.##imported-begin##Andrea Beall, SFO##imported-end##*

January 15, 2010 at 05:22 PM



“ *The world has lost a treasure.  
Mike Nass##imported-begin##Mike Nass##imported-end##*

January 15, 2010 at 12:53 PM