

Dorothy Lynelle Mitchell | 1922-2015

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Dorothy Lynelle Mitchell, 92, of Fort Worth died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, in Decatur.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Shannon Rose Hill Chapel in Fort Worth with the Rev. Ashley Hood officiating. Burial will follow at Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation is noon to 2 p.m. the same day.

Pallbearers are Christopher Mitchell, Kyle Mitchell, Matthew Mitchell, John Pirtle, Corby Self and Candace Self.

Born Dorothy Lynelle Hancock, June 12, 1922, in Dallas. Dorothy graduated from Dallas Technical High School in 1940 with a concentration of commercial and graphic art.

Dorothy, known as “Dottie Babe” by her closest girlfriends, married Norbon Eugene (Gene) Mitchell, also of Dallas, in June of 1942.

During the War Years, Dorothy, worked for the Navy as an X-ray technician at Hensley Field, Dallas. Upon war’s end, Dorothy and Gene moved into “Traylorville” on the campus of Southern Methodist University, along with hundreds of other GI families.

While Gene attended classes at SMU, Dorothy took time to take several SMU art classes, too. Before Gene graduated in 1951, Dorothy’s little family had grown to four children, which presented challenges, unique to the time and place for the GI families of Traylorville.

In 1956, the Mitchell family moved from Dallas to Fort Worth where they took up roots and were all proud to be called Fort Worthians. Dorothy was a loving and attentive mother and homemaker, though to help make ends meet from time to time, she did find work as a sales clerk at the Fair department store. She also worked for a while at the Arlington News doing artwork in their advertising department. On several occasions, she was a helping hand to Gene on many of his endeavors, doing artwork, sales calls and anything else to help out.

Above all else, Dorothy was an artist. Her nature was to see everything in life as components of color and form and to recognize the beauty of all things. She lived for a few years in New Mexico in the 1980s, spending all her time there studying art and painting.

Dorothy was also very musical, teaching herself to play the piano. In later years, she delighted all the members of the family with her handmade birthday and Christmas cards.

Dorothy was a child of God and raised her family in the loving arms of the church. Throughout her lifetime, her faith never wavered, even during her final days.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Mitchell; daughter Jeannie Pirtle; sister Rosa; and parents Virgil and Virgie Hancock. She is survived by her daughter, Rose Mitchell of Fort Worth; sons Bob Mitchell and wife, Gilda, of Rhome and Bill Mitchell and wife, DeNell of Shreveport; son-in-law Tom Pirtle of Fort Worth; and grandchildren Corby Self Sr., Candace Self, John Pirtle, Chris Mitchell, Kyle Mitchell, Heather Mitchell Willden, Teresa Mitchell Schneider and Matthew Mitchell. She is also survived by great-grandchildren James Self, Corby Self Jr., Pierce Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Garrison Mitchell, Sariah Willden, Grace Schneider, William Schneider, Jacob Mitchell, Lynell Mitchell; niece Sarah Ashford Watkins; and nephews Mike Ashford and Lee Ashford.